



## Another safety inquiry after gas blast leaves one missing

# 66 rescued as North Sea oil rig blows up

● One oil worker was missing after an explosion yesterday on the Ocean Odyssey drilling rig in the North Sea  
● Ships were still fighting the fire last night as gas continued to well up on to the rig, 85 miles south of Piper Alpha  
● Sixty-six men escaped as a full-scale rescue was mounted. They were being taken to hospitals in Aberdeen  
● The explosion took place only a few days after the rig was examined by the Department of Energy

By Kerry Gill and Andrew Morgan

Britain's North Sea oil industry was last night facing another inquiry into safety as one worker went missing and 66 others were recovering after being rescued from the Ocean Odyssey drilling rig.

The rig caught fire after what is believed to have been a blow-out gas explosion 130 miles east of Aberdeen.

Last night, support ships were still fighting the blaze as

gas continued to well up on to the rig, which was being operated 15 miles south-east of the Montrose Field by Arco British Limited under lease from the American owners, the Ocean Drilling and Exploration Company (Odeco).

The explosion occurred just a few days after an inspector

The rig involved in yesterday's incident is one of a fleet which constantly scour the world's continental shelves to find oil. They are the heavy work-horses of the oil industry. While the majority of oil and gas fields offshore have been found by jack-up drilling rigs, the semi-submersible is the type which has allowed Britain to develop the North Sea.

from the Department of Energy's Safety Inspectorate examined the rig, which was drilling in block 22B/30 about 85 miles south of the wreck of the Piper Alpha.

An emergency team specializing in fighting rig fires had been mobilized last night and was in Aberdeen. But the air search for the missing man was called off last night.

It is believed that the gas fire came unexpectedly and broke out at both deck and sea levels. Hospitals in Aberdeen were placed on an emergency alert and Grampian Fire Brigade was ordered to stand by.

Most of the men, who are mainly employees of Odeco, escaped in three life craft but early reports suggested that some had leapt over 100 ft into the sea to escape the billowing flames. The missing man has not been named.

The emergency came as the Ocean Odyssey was drilling at nearly 16,000 ft below the sea. The rig's fire-fighting team attempted to put out the blaze but was beaten back by its intensity. The order was given to abandon the rig and the men scrambled for the rafts.

After Aberdeen Coastguard

received the Mayday signal at 12.44pm, a full-scale rescue operation was mounted. As the fire took hold of the rig, all 67 men rushed for three life crafts as a fleet of military civilian helicopters and 10 ships rushed to the rescue.

Fourteen helicopters, mainly civilian, were co-ordinated by RAF Kinloss in the search.

Survivors from the incident were picked up by two RAF Sea King helicopters, one from RAF Boulmer in Northumberland and the other from RAF Lossiemouth, before being transferred to two rig support vessels, the Notts Forest and the British Fulmar.

The men were then transferred to two accommodation rigs in the vicinity, the Santa Fe Monarch and the Sedneth, before being flown into Aberdeen last night.

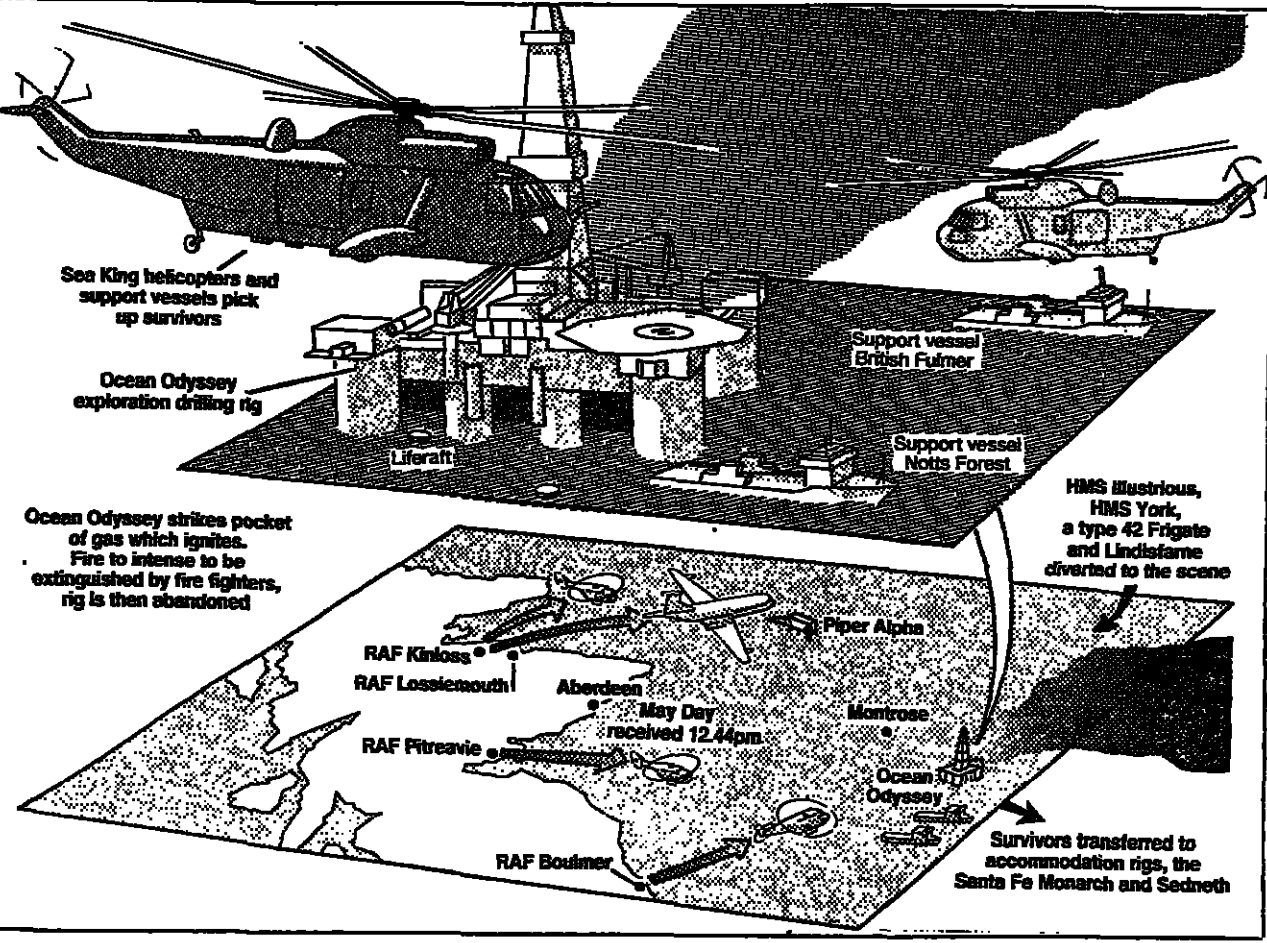
The aircraft carrier, HMS Illustrious, was 100 miles away on a Nato exercise and sent three Sea King helicopters to the scene.

Odeco last night said that the cause of the reported blow-out remained unexplained as "blow-out preventers" are built into the system on the rig, for which the American Bureau of Shipping gave a safety certificate earlier this year to operate in the North Sea.

Last night, the bureau refused to discuss the vessel or its safety inspectors.

Mr Peter Morrison, Minister of State at the Department of Energy, immediately ordered Mr Jim Petrie, head of the Safety Directorate, to conduct an investigation into the incident.

Mr Petrie has just completed a technical inquiry into the disaster on the Piper Alpha production platform on July 6, with the loss of 167 lives. Mr John Prescott, Labour's energy spokesman, last night renewed his call for offshore oil installations to be made subject to the Health and Safety Inspectorate.



## Three Czech diplomats expelled on charges of running spy ring

By Michael Evans and Nicholas Beeston

Three Czech military intelligence officers, who have been posing as diplomats while running a big spy operation in Britain, were ordered to leave by the Foreign Office yesterday for "engaging in activities incompatible with their status", the normal euphemism for espionage.

The three envoys, Major Bedrich Kramar, assistant military and air attaché, Major Vlastimil Netolicky, from the military attaché's office, and Mr Pavel Moudry, from the commercial section, had been under close surveillance by MI5 and Special Branch for a long time.

It is believed that this was stepped up after an arrest

earlier this year in north London.

The Foreign Office refused to give further details about the expulsion. However, security sources confirmed that the three envoys were military intelligence officers. The sources said that they were members of the Czech intelligence directorate of the general staff, called the ZSGS.

The sources said that officers of the ZSGS, posted to Western capitals, were under orders from the KGB to obtain militarily-sensitive technology, such as computers and robotics, from the West. It is believed that the Czechs had been targeting a number of British defence companies.

Western security chiefs warned recently that the efforts of the KGB and other Warsaw Pact intelligence services have increased dramatically in the past year or so in spite of the new era of glasnost in the Soviet Union.

It is possible that Major Kramar, Mr Moudry and Major Netolicky may have been exposed as military intelligence officers three years ago after the defection of Mr Milan Svec, the second-highest ranking diplomat at the Czech Embassy in Washington. Major Kramar and Mr Moudry have been in Britain since 1984 and Major Netolicky since 1985. They are all married.

The decision to expel the diplomats demonstrates clearly that their espionage activities had reached a point where they could have seriously damaged Britain's security.

There was speculation yesterday that the diplomats may have been connected with the break-in at the Farnborough air show earlier this month. A top secret prototype fighter pilot helmet, containing advanced optics, was dismantled and photographed. However, sources dismissed the suggestion.

Sources also denied there was any connection between

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## Thatcher stands by Europe criticism

From Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent, Madrid

Mrs Margaret Thatcher was again at loggerheads with Brussels yesterday as she vehemently rejected plans for the harmonization of taxes on capital.

Undismayed by the chorus of criticism in the wake of her four-day European tour, she laid down her views in private talks in Madrid with Señor Felipe González, Spain's Socialist Prime Minister. It was the first visit by a British

Prime Minister to Spain, symbolizing the country's emergence from the isolationism of the Franco era.

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The two leaders, who get on extremely well personally, engaged in a "lively argument" over the issue. Señor González advanced the Commission's

case that taxes on capital should be brought closer together as part of the completion of the single market of 1992.

Mrs Thatcher described the talks as "excellent" adding: "We got on extremely well."

Señor González, who has angered the Spanish trade unions by pursuing free enterprise policies to galvanise his country's economy, made li-

tle direct reference to Mrs Thatcher's controversial speech rejecting a federal Europe as utopian. He merely observed that it contained matters for discussion.

By fastening on the issue of capital taxation Mrs Thatcher was developing her contentious strategy of confronting European leaders with the consequences of what she

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## Gibraltar witnesses disagree

From Tony Dawe, Gibraltar

Two of the three IRA terrorists who were killed by the SAS in Gibraltar were shot while they lay on the ground. Mr Maxie Proetta told the inquest yesterday. But his evidence was contradicted by two other eye-witnesses who gave evidence yesterday.

Mr Proetta said that he heard a single shot then a series of shots and saw Mairead Farrell and Daniel McCann fall to the ground. "I then heard a further fusillade of shots."

He also said that Farrell had half-raised her hands when confronted by the gunman but the gesture was more one of "shock, self-preservation" than of surrender.

Mrs Proetta failed to appear at the inquest to give evidence yesterday when she was called at 10am.

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## Gemayel risks new war in Lebanon

From Our Correspondent, west Beirut

President Gemayel of Lebanon last night announced the formation of a provisional government despite Muslim warnings that it would formalize the country's de facto partition and provoke a new round in the civil war.

The President, whose term expired at midnight, declared that the new Government would call for new elections, but he gave no date or indication on who will be heading the new administration. In a five-minute televised farewell message, Mr Gemayel said he was leaving office "filled with anxiety".

The failure to elect a new president prompted fresh clashes. In one of the most serious incidents, unidentified gunmen reportedly killed three top officials of Lebanon's Shia Muslim Amal militia.

The pro-Iranian Hezbollah

Shia militia were blamed for the attack although Amal itself has started a new offensive in an obvious attempt to avoid confrontation. Amal sources named the three leaders killed as Mr Daoud Daoud, the head of Amal's executive committee, Mr Mahmoud Faqih and Mr Hassan Shaiti.

Amid the political crisis rival militia forces traded artillery and machinegun fire near the parliament building. By the time yesterday's election was to have taken place, at 11am, only 14 deputies out of a total of 76 had gathered at the Parliament as sniper fire rang out overhead.

It was the second time in four weeks that the vote for a new head of state had been delayed, on both occasions by opposition from Christian hardliners to Syrian-backed candidates.

## ConsGold insider inquiry launched

By Colin Campbell

The London stock exchange has started a world-wide inquiry into share and option dealings in Consolidated Gold Fields in a hunt for insider dealers ahead of Wednesday's announcement that the Luxembourg-based Minorco group was mounting a takeover bid worth £2.9 billion.

Suspensions of a serious leak of the detail and the timing of the Minorco bid - the largest in British corporate history - sent ConsGold shares racing ahead immediately before the Wednesday announcement, and by a further £3 each to £14 a share by the day's close.

ConsGold shares yesterday eased back 55p to £13.45 compared with Minorco share and cash offer which values each ConsGold share at £13.23.

The advance in ConsGold shares would have netted substantial profits for those

who bought ahead of the formal bid announcement.

Inquiries are immediately being made in London and South Africa, and the Johannesburg Stock Exchange yesterday said it would give the London authorities whatever co-operation it could.

The controversial bid by Minorco, now spearheaded by Sir Michael Edwards, but which remains controlled by

the Oppenheimer-founded Anglo American and De Beers gold and diamond empire in South Africa, is already under attack on political grounds.

The Stock Exchange itself decided to initiate an inquiry because of what it noted to be undue price movements in ConsGold shares and because of the heavy activity in option dealings four hours before a formal request for an inquiry from Minorco.

## Japan protests over tabloid attacks on Hirohito

From Joe Joseph, Tokyo



Tokyo protested to the British Ambassador to Japan yesterday over an editorial in *The Sun* on Emperor Hirohito's failing health.

The Japanese Government, which told the Ambassador of the "distress and regret" the editorial caused, was also angered by a commentary in *The Star* on the Emperor, who has been in a critical condition since vomiting blood on Monday night.

Tokyo is now debating whether to formally convey its displeasure directly to the British Government. Although the ambassador was not summoned solely to discuss the matter, the Foreign Office said last night he was told that the piece had shown great insensitivity.

Millions of Japanese, who have been sitting all night by their television sets and devouring the press for latest news of the 87-year-old monarch's condition, were shocked to read a dispatch from the London bureau of the *Asahi Shimbun*, Japan's second biggest daily with a combined morning and evening circulation of more than 12 million. The report described how *The Sun* and *The Star* had described the Emperor as an "evil monster" and "a symbol of pitiless evil".

Both newspapers revived memories of Japan's role in the Second World War. "Hell's Waiting for This Truly Evil Emperor," a September 21 *Sun* headline ran, while an editorial in *The Star* of the same day ran under the caption "The Sinking Sun of Evil".

Mr Yoshifumi Matsuda, spokesman for Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs,

described the language used in the two newspapers as "abusive".

Barely able to control his rage, he added: "I have to express my displeasure most strongly at these articles. Officials at our Embassy in London made immediate protests to both of these papers. They replied, 'You can send a letter to the editor'."

"We are aware of the British freedom of the press. We have to think very carefully about our actions towards a foreign government. Certainly they will be informed of what action we will take against the newspapers."

Concern about the Emperor who is suffering from anaemia and jaundice and is being fed through an intravenous drip, has all but brought Japan to a halt over

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## Britain hits the bull with 6 medals

From John Goodbody, Sports News Correspondent, Seoul

Britain yesterday won six medals at the Olympic Games, the most in a single day since the "Chariots of Fire" era of the 1920s.

Malcolm Cooper retained the shooting title he won in Los Angeles with another Briton, Alister Allan, second. Three medals were also collected in the three-day Equestrian event and one in the team competition of the Modern Pentathlon. Britain's total is now eight with athletics, in which further medals are expected, beginning today.

Cooper became the first person in 36 years of the three-position small-bore rifle competition to win two Olympic gold medals. Allan, who finished third in 1984, led with an Olympic record after 120 shots. But he was overhauled by his team mate in the newly-instituted 10 shot final round for the top eight competitors.

Alan said afterwards: "Malcolm is the best shot in the world and I am delighted to have come second to him."

Cooper, who said this would be his last Olympics,



added: "Normally we are in the pack and have to fight our way out, but today we were close together and in the lead throughout the competition."

In the three-day equestrian event, the team won the silver medal and in the individual competition, Ian Stark, riding Sir Wattle, took the silver medal and Virginia Leng on Master Craftsman the bronze.

Miss Henrietta Knight, the chairman of the selectors, described the team's silver medal as a "bit of a salvage job" because of the withdrawal of Captain Mark Phillips during the speed and endurance phase when his horse pulled a muscle.

In the Modern Pentathlon, Britain maintained its high reputation in the sport by finishing third.

But there was controversy too. A boxing bout between a Korean and a Bulgarian ended in a brawl when Korean officials attacked the referee from New Zealand, who had penalised the Korean.

The first two positive drug tests were announced, with a Bulgarian weightlifter becoming the first competitor for 12 years in any sport to lose his title and an Australian entry in the Modern Pentathlon found to have excessive amounts of caffeine in his urine.

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## TOMORROW IN COLOUR

● Tomorrow the 88-page *Times* will appear for the first time in five sections, with full colour in each.



● Were the Sixties worth it? Paul McCartney, John Peel, Christopher Logue and others reflect on the counter-culture years.

● Three years before his death Henry Moore agreed to a major retrospective at the Royal Academy (see Page 10 today). Tomorrow's *Times* offers readers the chance to save more than half the entry cost of this remarkable exhibition.

● More details of the Saturday *Times* on Page 3.

## NEXT WEEK

● Past Worlds: Every discarded Stone Age twig helps the modern archaeologist to build a comprehensive picture of human development. Next week, in a four-part series, *The Times* looks at how the past is being brought to life.

## Exam results

A full list of successful candidates in the Institute of Chartered Accountants' examination will appear in tomorrow's issue of *The Times*. Copies will be on sale at the main entrance to Victoria Station after 9.30pm tonight.

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## NEWS ROUNDUP

## Todd is accused of 'persecution'

Regional secretaries of the Transport and General Workers' Union yesterday voiced concern that the union leadership had embarked on a "personal persecution" of centre-right officials who did not agree with the union's political line.

The warning came after Mr Ron Todd, the union general secretary, announced that his executive had voted to establish an inquiry into allegations that some union officials had links with people outside the union who were attempting to "destabilize the democratic leadership".

Mr Todd said it was time "to nail the problem once and for all" of who was behind those attempts. The inquiry has been asked to find out if any officials colluded with the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union.

Regional secretaries on the right of the union were quick to point out that the inquiry is centred on the four regions controlled by officers who are sympathetic to Mr Brian Nicholson, the former chairman and rival to Mr Todd.

## London tunnel link

Plans for a £400 million terminal in north London to link the North, Midlands and West with the Channel tunnel are to be put forward by a new consortium. Mr Richard Lilley, chairman of the European Transport Consortium, said British Rail had been approached about the scheme, which involves the use of 47 acres of derelict railway land at Willesden but there had been no response. The consortium will contact the Department of Transport, Eurotunnel and other organizations.

## Armagh probe begins

The police officers who shot dead three IRA men in Armagh in 1982 in the first of the incidents which prompted allegations of a "shoot to kill" policy in Northern Ireland are unlikely to appear at the long-delayed inquests into the deaths. The inquests had been postponed for six years for a variety of reasons but yesterday Mr James Elliott, the Belfast coroner, confirmed that he had now received the necessary documentation from the Royal Ulster Constabulary to proceed.

## Killing 'by machete'

A police pathologist's report confirms that Julie Ward, the British woman who died as she trekked across the African bush, was killed by machete and burned. That was disclosed by Mr John Ward, her father, in Nairobi, Kenya, yesterday after he returned to investigate her death. He is expected today to visit the spot where her body was discovered.

## Journalist's award

The winner of the 1988 Reckitt & Colman Medical Journalists Association Award is Marjorie Wallace, writer for *The Times* and *The Sunday Times*. The award, for the most outstanding contribution to medical journalism in 1987, was given to Ms Wallace for her investigative work into the plight of the mentally ill in Britain for both papers and for her feature on the human drama surrounding severe disability in *The Sunday Times*.

## SNP challenges tax

The Scottish National Party yesterday launched its greatest "moral and political challenge" yet to the right of an "alien" Conservative government to impose poll tax on Scotland. Its drive to recruit an army of 100,000 people who will refuse to pay the tax is seen as an attempt to reach the high moral ground in the various non-payment campaigns.

## Hospital fire and safety standards 'put patients at risk'

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Health service patients may be at risk because fire and safety standards in some hospital buildings are not being met or because they are being housed in ill-maintained buildings, an all-party committee of MPs said yesterday.

In a damning report, the Public Accounts Committee revealed that in some health districts property categorized as "inoperable or unacceptable" was being used for patient care, and that in a few districts, particularly in Yorkshire and the West Midlands, the proportion in that condition was 10 to 15 per cent. They would take up to seven years to upgrade or replace.

Spending of £1.8 billion is needed to bring the NHS properties up to a minimum acceptable standard. A survey in Scotland has revealed that less mobile patients in 33 wards were at risk because fire standards had not been met and it was both "surprising and unacceptable" that some health authorities did not know whether their buildings complied with statutory and non-statutory safety standards, the committee said.

The seven years which the health department said was needed to put matters right was "unacceptably long", it added. Mr Robert Sheldon, committee chairman, said it was a "very unhappy story". Ministers have been increasingly concerned about the state of some health service buildings, more than 30 per cent of which date back to the last century. Mrs Edwina Currie, Under-Secretary of State for Health, yesterday chaired the first meeting of a group of senior health officials looking at environmental hazards, food hygiene and safety in the health service.

It will decide how existing guidance to health authorities, which are responsible for safety and hygiene standards, can be tightened up.

Mrs Currie said there had been a big hospital building programme, but added: "It may be that we have to accelerate that process". According to evidence submitted to the committee by the Department of Health, the worst offending health regions and districts are South Warwickshire, in the West Midlands region, with 15 per cent of its "inoperable or unacceptable" accommodation in patient areas, East Yorkshire, in the Yorkshire region, with 10.5 per cent; Northallerton, in the Yorkshire region, with 10 per cent; Leeds Western, in the Yorkshire region, with 7 per cent; Mid Downs, in the South-west Thames region, with 6.7 per cent; and Gloucester, in the South-western region, with 5.8 per cent.

The list is said to include receptions, out patients' areas

and wards. The disclosures came in a report sharply criticizing several aspects of the running of the vast health service estate, now consisting of 30,000 acres and some 2,000 hospitals and with a value estimated at some £13 billion.

It spoke of the poor condition of much of the estate, the big backlog of maintenance work, and expressed concern that surveys of health service property were not reliable or kept up to date.

The committee said it was not satisfied with the assurances given over compliance with safety standards. The Department of Health had said it believed the provision of a safe and healthy environment for patients was paramount. However, it recognized it did not know the extent of non-statutory standards, which included action to avoid the spread of Legionnaires' Disease.

It said it would review the standards. While the proportion of the estate in adequate or better condition had increased to 68 per cent, by no means all the health authorities had supplied the relevant information. Only 113 of 191 districts had supplied the information on their 1985-86 performance. Committee of Public Accounts: Estate Management in the NHS (Stationery Office; £5.10).

## MP says IRA linked to African nationalists

By Sheila Guna, Political Staff

Mrs Margaret Thatcher has been given details of close links allegedly formed between IRA terrorists and members of African nationalist groups in the past 10 years.

A document, entitled *Partners in Terror*, compiled by Mr Andrew Hunter, Conservative MP for Basingstoke, sets out contact dates and venues which he says proves the rise in co-operation, including joint training exercises, public expressions of support and the exchange of

The submission is part of a campaign to persuade the Government to expel ANC activists and to close their London office. Mrs Thatcher has promised to investigate the allegations. An ANC spokesman said: "This is part of a smear campaign. If he has any evidence he should put it before the proper authorities."

## Drugs company in £4m deal

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A unique research centre called the Glycobiology Institute is to be built at a cost of £4 million at Oxford University and paid for by G.D. Searle, the pharmaceutical firm.

The pioneering partnership between the university and industry will exploit a series of advances in the biochemistry department at Oxford.

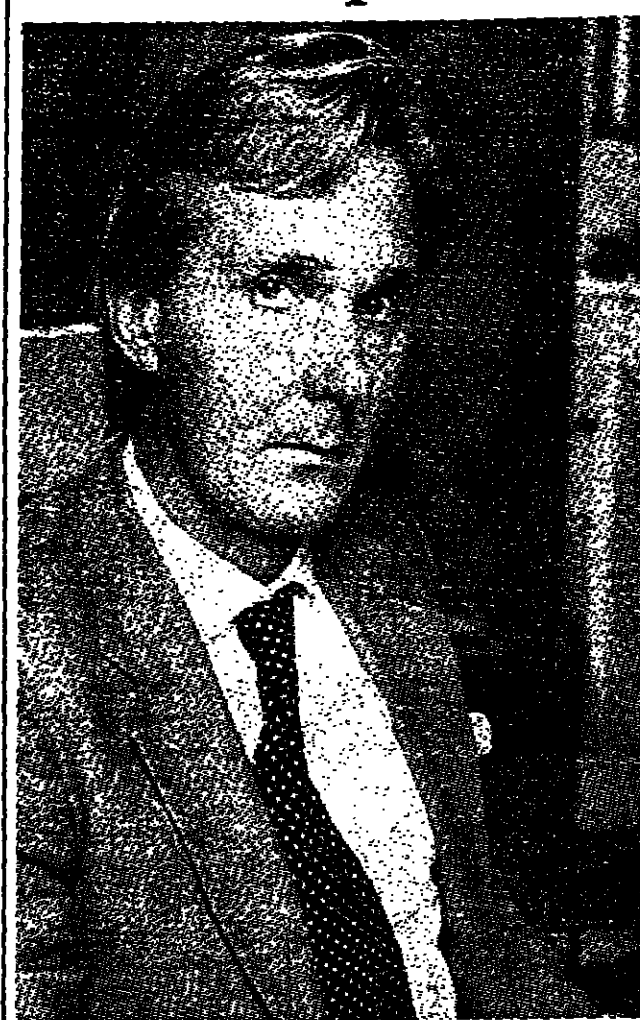
The breakthroughs have propelled the subject of glycobiology — the actions of sugars in the body — from the academic backroom into the frontiers of medical science. In

recognition that many major illnesses can be classed as glycosylation diseases, which are caused by a defect in a molecule of one of the hundreds of different types of body sugars that exist on the surface of every cell and substance of the body.

Mr Sheldon Gilmore, chairman and president of Searle, said this pioneering research in glycobiology could lead to compounds, which are already being studied, as possible treatments for rheumatoid arthritis and virus infections, including Aids.

The venture will expand the work by a group working with Professor Raymond Week, director of Oxford's glycobiology unit, which is providing a new approach to treating diseases. The new understanding has led to the

## Kinnear questions



Dr John Kinnear, a leading medical expert in the film world, at his home in London yesterday after returning from Spain, where he discussed with the authorities events surrounding the death after a filming accident of Roy Kinnear, the actor. Dr Kinnear, who is acting for the film's insurers, said that he was unhappy about Mr Kinnear's treatment and death, which was caused, according to a Spanish pathologist, by "traumatic shock". Mrs Carmel Kinnear, his widow, flew back to Madrid yesterday to take charge of arrangements to fly the body back to Britain today. She wants a second post-mortem examination, it was disclosed yesterday. Dr Kinnear has hinted he might call for a detailed investigation into the Spanish authorities' handling of matters. He said he was allowed access to medical records, but was prevented from taking them away or photostating them. "I am surprised by the pathology findings and unhappy with the chain of events immediately before his death", he said.

## Italians invest in inner city

By Ian Smith and Christopher Warrman

European competitors have been outmanoeuvred by an inner city development corporation determined to regain the envied reputation of its Manchester dockside complex as a world leading industrial park.

Ceresar, an Italian controlled company, yesterday committed £42 million to developing a 21st century processing plant at the regenerated Trafford Park, Manchester. It means a guarantee of 450 jobs instead of the bleak alternative of cutting the workforce to 40.

Work on the plant, whose starch and glucose products are used in such items as custard powder, cars, pharmaceuticals and paper, will begin within three months. There was good news for another town: 200 new jobs have been created at the Rolls-Royce factory in Crewe.

The news came as the Confederation of British Industry reported yesterday that the cost of reviving the decaying areas of towns and cities, bringing new hope and new jobs, was at least £50 billion.

It can only be achieved by a partnership between local business leaders, the Government and local authorities, the confederation said.

The report, the result of a six-month study by a CBI task force, says there must be local commitment to a vision of the future, and that confidence must be built up by encouraging investment, stimulating property development and raising the pride and aspirations of citizens.

"We need a new generation of city fathers to tackle this challenge. Charity is not the answer; investments must make commercial sense", Mr John Banham, CBI director-general, said.

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## Secret banking system uncovered Police probe drugs link in £200m money-laundering

By Ian Smith and Stewart Tendler

Detectives, Customs officers and Inland Revenue officials are investigating an international money-laundering operation based in Britain and involving up to £200 million in profits from European heroin trafficking.

Officials at a small Lancashire branch of one of the clearing banks triggered the investigation when they became suspicious of big amounts of money passing through one account. Their anxiety led investigators to uncover a secretive unofficial banking system stretching around the world.

Detectives from Scotland Yard and Lancashire were questioning 15 men, including several senior officials of a London bank, last night after a three-year investigation code-named Operation Capricorn.

Five men who were held by the Thames Valley police were released yesterday after questioning.

Sources said that one account found by investigators had been linked to transactions worth £15 million. A senior Lancashire police officer said the investigation was

one of the biggest of its type. He said: "The affair began as a fairly low-key inquiry into the suspected misuse of drugs and very rapidly mushroomed into something major."

Police sources in Lancashire and London said the total amount involved could be as much as £200 million in a system which involved not only drug trafficking but also large-scale tax evasion.

The unofficial banking system, linked to European drug trafficking, made use of normal banking methods and an unofficial Asian banking system called hawalla banking which was used often to transfer big amounts around the world with no official trace.

The police believe that the money-laundering operation in Britain was the axis for drug trafficking linking Holland and Norway to Pakistan.

Profits from the drug trade would be put into the laundering system and the money would be sent out to Asia. The money would be used to generate fresh drug supplies for the market back in Europe. The money launderers used accounts at banks throughout

Britain and also small companies to provide a cover for the flow of cash. The hawalla system might have been used to get some of the money out of Britain without trace but linked to the normal banking system.

Sources said the police got their first inkling of the system when officials from a small bank near Preston came forward to express their worries about an account. The investigation intensified a year ago and the police began to look at suspects in London and the Home Counties.

However, as the police and finance specialists studied the system, they were led further into the network. Dutch officers came to Britain and British police visited Amsterdam.

The hawalla system relies on a network of contacts stretching from country to country. The key figures are often gold dealers or businessmen who they act on behalf of people wanting to move assets in return for commissions.

The system works on time-honoured codes of trust and simple but effective identification systems.

## Princess eavesdrops on pilots



The Princess of Wales listening in to the messages of pilots coming in to land during her visit to the control tower at Gatwick Airport yesterday. Helping to adjust the Princess's headphones is Mr Rod Hayward, an assistant air traffic controller.

## Eurobond fraud plot is foiled

By Stewart Tendler  
Crime Reporter

Two Germans are being held in Geneva after City of London fraud squad police foiled an attempt to extract Eurobonds valued at \$25 million (£14.28 million) from a securities firm by computer fraud.

The City police confirmed yesterday that the men, who live in Switzerland, were being held after the attempt on the London branch of Mitsubishi Finance International. The firm recovered the bonds.

The fraud attempt, which was disclosed in *Compaign* magazine, allegedly involved access to a Eurobond market electronic clearing system.

The attempt was made over the August Bank holiday weekend. It was alleged that the aim was to transfer the bonds to a United States company, where they could then be recovered.

Mr David Spencer, company secretary at Mitsubishi, said the transfer attempt was discovered by staff. It is believed it was made using a standard telephone, a personal computer and a modem.

## Macmillan cleared of plot

By Robin Young

An independent inquiry has found Mr Harold Macmillan (later Lord Stockton) innocent of "the gravest charges ever levelled at anyone who has become a British prime minister". It was announced in London yesterday.

After two years' investigations four researchers led by Brigadier Anthony Cowgill, director of the British Management Data Foundation, concluded that there was no foundation to any of the charges implicating Macmillan in a conspiracy to hand over the Cossacks and anti-Tito Yugoslavs, who were later massacred or imprisoned in Soviet labour camps at the end of the Second World War.

An interim report to be published next week rebuts the allegations made by Count Nikolai Tolstoy in his books *The Victims of Yalta* and *The Minister and the Massacres*.

Presenting the group's findings Brigadier Cowgill and his colleague, Mr Christopher Booker, the author and journalist, said that all four researchers had been convinced when they started their

inquiries that there must have been a conspiracy of some kind, but all were now convinced there never was.

The two other members of the group, which was unanimous in all its conclusions, were Lord Brimelow, former permanent Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office, and Brigadier Tryon-Wilson, a senior officer on the staff of British 5 Corps in Austria at the time that the Cossacks and Yugoslavs were returned.

Count Tolstoy claimed that Macmillan had agreed to hand over the Cossacks and Yugoslavs in breach of military orders and Allied policy while visiting Klagenfurt in southern Austria on May 13, 1945, in his capacity as British resident political minister in the Mediterranean.

He also alleged that there had been a "Klagenfurt conspiracy" to conceal what was happening and subsequently to cover up what had been done.

The Cowgill inquiry found that Macmillan only went to Klagenfurt on an urgent mission to brief General Keightley, commanding British 5 Corps. Keightley had asked

permission to shoot Yugoslav partisans who were trying to set up a rival military administration but General Alexander at Allied Forces Headquarters was anxious that the front-line commanders should be warned not to provoke the Yugoslavs prematurely.

When Macmillan was in Klagenfurt, the report says, the Cossack groups had only just surrendered, and no one at British 5 Corps was yet aware that the presence among them of White Russian émigrés who were not Soviet nationals posed any problem of repatriation.

Macmillan's agreement to repatriate the Cossacks was, the report concludes, "a broad and correct statement of British obligation under the Yalta repatriation agreement".

*Interim Report on an Inquiry into the Repatriation of Surrendered Enemy Personnel to the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia in May 1945 and the Alleged "Klagenfurt Conspiracy"* by Brigadier Anthony Cowgill, Christopher Booker, Lord Brimelow, and Brigadier Tryon-Wilson (available next week from the Royal United Services Institution, Whitehall, London, SW1; £10 plus £1.50 postage).

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● There is £226,000 to be won in *Portfolio Accumulator* today — or the daily £4,000 prize. Prices: page 25

## Call to reintroduce O levels

By Douglas Broom

The Government was urged yesterday to reintroduce the O-level examination to introduce an element of parental choice into secondary schools.

The Campaign for Real Education made the call at a meeting between Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education, and a deputation led by Sir Rhodes Boyson, a former education minister.

The organization said the implementation of the GCSE had created a situation where five new examination groups "had a monopoly of power to control all examinations and through them almost everything taught in schools".

In a paper the group said it was "particularly curious that a Conservative government should approve an examination system which is totally incongruous with the party's basic philosophy of supporting freedom of the individual to choose".

The paper said GCSE had blurred the distinctions between traditional subjects and had opened the way to "politicization" of teaching. It said

GCSE English included no grammar or "decent literature".

"There are no set books, these being chosen by individual teachers, some of whom believe classical literature to be elitist."

The organization criticized the new subject of "integrated sciences" which, it said, would do nothing for the "able young scientists upon whom our future depends". GCSE failed to encourage a pursuit of excellence by placing emphasis on ideas such as mixed ability teaching and continuous assessment of course work.

The paper concluded: "This must be done if the Government does not wish to be remembered as the one which was responsible for the most significant decline in educational standards in living memory."

● Britain's biggest non-TUC teachers union said yesterday it would be willing to sign a no-strike deal in return for the restoration of teachers' pay negotiating rights.

The offer was put to Mr Baker by representatives of the Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association at a meeting to discuss methods of settling pay disputes.

The proposal strongly resembles that which will be put to the minister later today by the National Union of Teachers.

Pay and conditions for 400,000 teachers in England and Wales are fixed by Mr Baker on advice from an interim committee which he set up last year when he abolished formal negotiating machinery.

● Most schools in the London borough of Brent, which is controlled by Labour, will be closed on Monday when teachers stage a half-day strike to protest against plans to make 230 staff redundant.

The two largest teachers' unions announced yesterday that their members had voted overwhelmingly for a stoppage on Monday.

Schools in Brent were in revolt with pupils protesting against the redundancies.

## Police Superintendents' Association

## Officers left to tackle drunks alone

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Not enough support is being given by the courts and public to police facing violence and drunkenness, the Police Superintendents' Association annual conference was told yesterday.

"Drunken yobs are abusing and using the police as the Aunt Sallys of society", Chief Supt Eric Duffield, of South Wales police, said.

"Because the main function of the police is the protection of society, then surely we are entitled to expect society to protect the police."

"By protection I don't just mean the support of the courts, we need the support of the man in the street."

When sentencing, courts were influenced by the fact that the offender had been drinking and his actions were in some way mitigated by that.

The irony was that police officers faced even greater risks when dealing with such

The successful use of surveillance cameras in tackling crime along the Bournemouth sea-front is expected to lead to their installation elsewhere, the conference was told yesterday. Chief Supt Susan Davies, of Dorset, said the cost of vandalism to ratepayers had been reduced from £222,000 in the year before the cameras were introduced to £36,000 in a similar period later.

people. While drunken assailants might lack the calculated intention of injuring an officer, alcohol nevertheless aggravated the situation.

Voluntary or self-induced drunkenness was no excuse for crime, Mr Duffield said. Rather than be a mitigating factor, drunkenness should be viewed more harshly by the courts when sentencing.

"Surely it is reasonable for

police officers to expect the support of the courts when dealing with violent offenders", Mr Duffield said.

"When I look back on my early years of service I can hardly recall a woman officer being assaulted. I can, however, recall many occasions when members of the public would stop and help if a policeman was in trouble. Regrettably such support for the police is now almost an exception to the rule."

The cost of police casualties in 1987 in only a part of England and Wales was £326,000 in days lost through sickness. That was equivalent to a city the size of Cardiff being without police for a fortnight, according to a survey of South and South-west England and South Wales.

Mr Duffield said a survey of assaults on 598 South Wales police officers showed that injuries to 136 of them resulted

in their being unfit for duty for a total of 2,127 days. Of the 598 assaults, 32 were on female officers.

Of all the injuries, 84 per cent were inflicted by offenders aged between 17 and 25. In 80 per cent of all cases alcohol was a contributing factor.

Chief Supt Susan Davies, of Dorset police, said those involved in violence "beyond the city centre" repeatedly turned out not to be socially deprived, poverty stricken or racially disadvantaged. They were young, fit, well-educated, employed, white and relatively prosperous.

They tended to "turn from the opponents with whom they have been brawling and unite with them against the unfortunate police officers".

"Courts must mete out punishment to reflect the community's disapproval of violence and not shrink from deterrent sentences."

## Familiar problems in Roman Britain

By Peter Davenport

Experts working on the translation of one of the most important and complete ancient Roman letters have discovered that the daily pressures of life have not changed all that much over the centuries.

Shortage of money and complaints about the state of the roads form the main element of a tablet of almost 50 lines which has become known as "the Octavius Letter". It was discovered last month at the excavation being made at the Roman fort of Vindolanda near Hadrian's Wall in Northumberland.

Yesterday two experts who have worked on earlier tablets found at the site, Dr David Thomas of Durham University and Dr Alan Bowman of Oxford University, completed their first attempt at translation.

Although further detailed photography will be required for complete and accurate translation, parts of Octavius' letter to his friend Candidus at Vindolanda provide fascinating insights into the day-to-day concerns of the Romans who occupied northern England. The letter, twice as long as any other previously found, is believed to date from around 100-120 AD.

In it Octavius, who for unexplained reasons begins his writing on the right rather than the left hand side of the wooden tablet, tells Candidus about purchasing 5,000 bushels of grain.

He writes: "I need money for this. Unless you send me some money, at least 500 denarii, I shall lose what I have paid out of my own pocket, that's about 300 denarii, and I shall be financially embarrassed. So, please, send me some money as quickly as you can."

Octavius, whose status as civilian or military personnel is unknown, then asks that he be given some hides held at Cantabrigia — Catterick in North Yorkshire. "I would already have fetched them but I didn't want to cause difficulties for the mules as the roads are bad."

Yesterday Dr Thomas, of the department of paleography at Durham University, said the reference may have been to the quality of the road, for which the Romans are traditionally renowned, or a comment on their condition in winter weather.

"The letter is a discovery of the first importance, it is difficult to over-emphasize its significance. It tells us about what was going on in northern Britain in a period that is not normally well-documented."

"It also gives an insight into the life of the man in the street when most literature of the period is about the affairs of state and the officer class."

Dr Thomas said that the rest of the contents of the tablet, on either birch or

alder wood, may take months to translate because of the difficulty of reading individual letters in the Roman cursive handwriting.

The Octavius letter adds significantly to information about the Roman lifestyle already uncovered at Vindolanda. An earlier find was from Claudia Severa, the wife of the camp commandant, inviting a woman friend to her birthday celebrations.

It said: "On the third day before the Ides of September, sister, for the day of the celebration of my birthday, I give you a warm invitation to make sure that you come to us, to make the day more enjoyable for me by your arrival if you come."

The excavations at the site are undertaken by a charitable trust whose director is Mr Robin Birley. It has received no government grants and relies on "a healthy overdraft" and the £115,000 a year it raises from 80,000 visitors.

Yesterday Mr Birley criticized the lack of funding and said that it meant the full value of the site may not be recognized. He said that the environmental conditions at Vindolanda, in which layers of turf laid by the Romans each time they reconstructed the fort, provided ideal preserving qualities which meant everything they left behind remained intact.

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# Husband disputes his wife's TV account of woman terrorist trying to surrender

## IRA trio shot as they lay on ground, two witnesses say

From Tony Dawe, Gibraltar

The three IRA terrorists who were killed by the SAS in Gibraltar were shot while they lay on the ground, two eyewitnesses told the inquest yesterday.

Mr Maxie Proetta said that one of them, Mairread Farrell, half raised her hand to protect herself before the first shot was fired.

He said however that he did not think she was trying to surrender as his wife Carmen had suggested in the television programme, "Death on the Rock". She will give evidence today.

Mr Proetta said that after Farrell and a second terrorist, Daniel McCann, had fallen to the ground, he heard a further fusillade of shots.

Mr Robin Mordue, a British tourist, also said that the third terrorist, Sean Savage, was shot while he was on the ground.

However, both witnesses modified their stories under close questioning from Mr Michael Hucker, representing the SAS soldiers.

Mr Proetta told the inquest that he had noticed a couple walking along the pavement, being followed by two men, and had then seen a police car

with its siren blaring stop at traffic lights behind them.

"The couple stopped and turned to look at the police car", he said. "When this happened the man on the road behind them pointed both hands in front of him. The front and back door of the police car opened and three

men in civilian clothes were trying to jump the road barrier. As they were jumping from the car, I heard one shot."

Mr Proetta said that Farrell half raised her hands "as if trying to protect herself". He said the man made a movement as if to grab her and he heard more shots.

"The woman fell half on to the road and half on the pavement. The man fell against a wall and dropped down. The two men were still pointing at the body and I then heard a further fusillade of shots. They were still

pointing the guns and I thought the sound was coming from them. I thought they were shooting them on the ground."

He later told Mr Hucker that the noise could have come from the area of the Landport Tunnel where Savage was subsequently shot.

The killing of Savage, who was hit by 15 bullets fired by two SAS soldiers, was described by Mr Mordue, a catering manager from Reading. His evidence was far from clear as he had been on the ground and then taking cover as the shots were fired.

He told the inquest that he was heading for the beach after a public house lunch and had just emerged from the Landport Tunnel when he saw a woman on a bicycle in front of him and a man walking towards him with a newspaper in his hand.

"Within a second or so, there were bangings and shoutings", Mr Mordue said. "Somebody shouted out 'Stop, get down'. By this time the girl had knocked me over and we both went down together. I presume that somebody jumped down from the

side and pushed her. Then I heard shots.

"There was a man on the floor. As I was getting up there were more shots and I think, although I cannot remember actually, I think I did say to this girl: 'He is a madman and he is going to kill us'."

Mr Mordue said that the further shots had "really frightened" him.

Questioned by Mr Felix Pizzarello, the coroner, and Mr Patrick McGrory, representing the terrorists' families, Mr Mordue indicated that the second set of shots were fired as the man was on the ground. He seemed less certain when questioned by Mr Hucker.

Mr Proetta was asked as many questions about what his wife Carmen saw as about his own view of the shooting from his first-floor flat, 100 yards away.

Mrs Proetta was the "star witness" of the television film because she claimed that two of the terrorists were trying to surrender as they were shot. Yesterday only her husband was in court.

The first questions which Mr Hucker asked Mr Proetta concerned his wife.

"Is your wife coming to give



Mr Hucker (left) and Mr Laws, government lawyers, conferring during a break yesterday.

evidence?" Mr Hucker asked.

"She will," Mr Proetta replied.

"When?"

"Tomorrow."

Mr Hucker pointed out that Mr Proetta's evidence seemed to contradict his wife's account in the television film.

Mr Proetta replied: "The only thing I did not agree with is she said they lifted their hand in surrender. I think it was more shock, self-preservation. The only difference between my wife and me is the interpretation."

Mr Hucker asked: "So your wife is obviously mistaken about that?"

Mr Proetta replied: "She

could be. They did not have time to surrender anyway.

These people, when they looked back and saw the police car, they must have put their hands up because they saw the people pointing the guns at them."

Mr John Laws, counsel for the Crown, then turned the questioning on Mr Proetta himself.

"Why did you not volunteer your evidence to the police?" Mr Laws asked.

"I did not want to find myself in the position that I find myself now", Mr Proetta replied.

The inquest continues today.



Mr Proetta: Saw Mairread Farrell half raising her hand.

## Insurance unions in staff battle

By Roland Rudd

The trade union movement is set to boycott the Eagle Star Insurance Group after the TUC yesterday urged all its affiliates to support the Banking, Insurance and Finance Union (BIFU), in its inter-union recruitment battle with a breakaway staff association.

Relations between the company and the union reached a low after Mr Michael Butt, chairman and chief executive of Eagle Star, turned down requests from Mr Leif Mills, its general secretary, for a meeting about representation of the 7,000 employees.

Instead, Mr Butt said his union would recognise only the Eagle Star Staff Union (ESSU), which last April broke away from BIFU and now claims to represent more than 4,000 of the employees.

BIFU has balloted its members on taking industrial action at the group's Cheltenham computer offices where it says a majority of data processing staff wish to stay in the union.

The breakaway staff union has been listed by the Certification Office as an independent union but has not applied for a certificate of independence, proving it is not under the control of the employer.

BIFU argues that the new union is little more than a "bosses outfit" aided and abetted by the company.

## Airlines must tell over flight delays

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Airlines are to be ordered to publish details of their punctuality in an attempt to provide passengers with a guide to those with the best "on time" record.

The first sample tables should be published later this year and by next summer, both scheduled and charter airlines will have to provide comprehensive details of the punctuality of all their flights.

The Civil Aviation Authority has been angered by airlines routinely blaming "air traffic control delays" for their failure to take off or arrive on time and are convinced that many of the problems stem from the airlines themselves.

By publishing details of which flights are continually delayed they hope to shame the worst offenders into improving their record and enable those with the best time-keeping record to use the statistics in their advertising and promotional campaigns.

The plan has received enthusiastic backing from the Department of Transport. Officials believe that many charter airlines run into difficulty in meeting their schedules because they use older, noisier jets which are often banned from landing late in the day at the increasing number of airports around the world which impose night-time noise curfews.

The aircraft is then often diverted or held at the wrong airport overnight, throwing

the next day's operations into chaos. They also believe that some airlines simply plan unrealistic schedules.

Others, they argue, have too few aircraft to provide back-ups should any run into mechanical problems.

Punctuality tables were introduced in America several years ago and have led to far greater efforts by US carriers to fly on time.

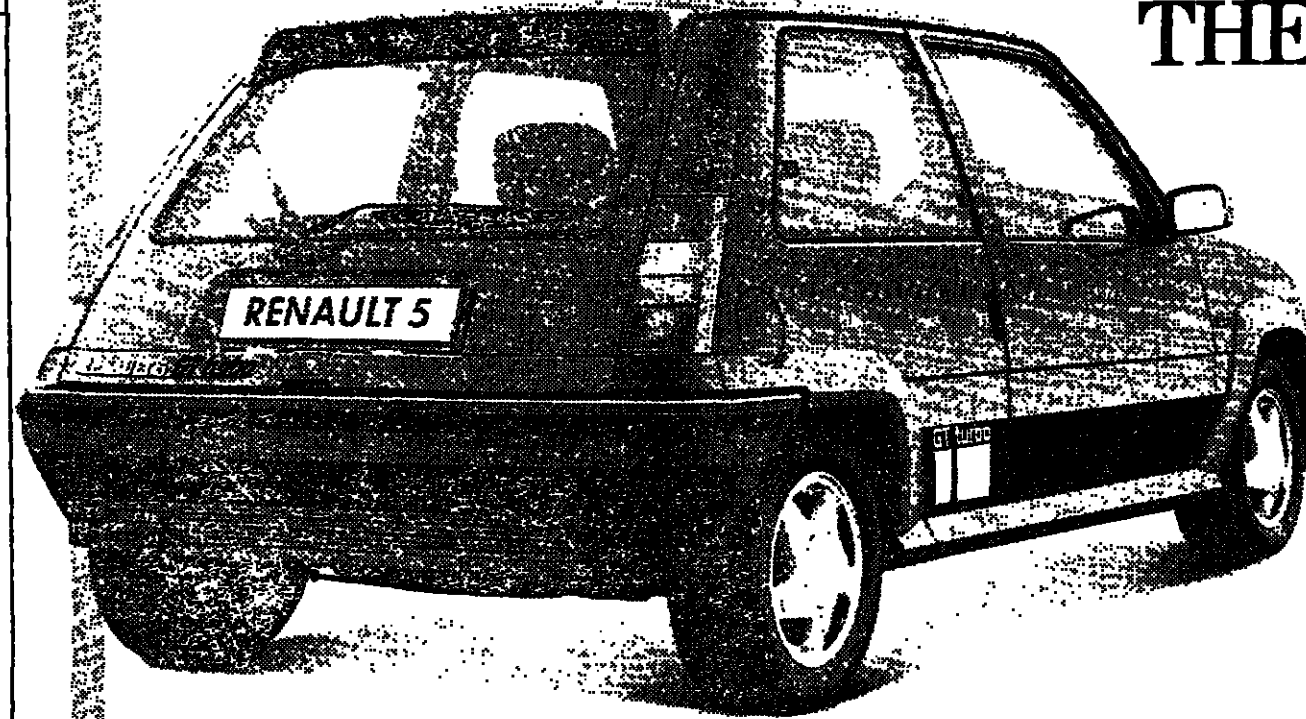
The plan is being fiercely resisted by some airlines which claim that it will lead to unfair comparisons being made between the big scheduled carriers, with resources to switch aircraft around, and the new smaller airlines which have to operate fleets to the maximum to make a profit.

Both the CAA and the Department of Transport are determined to make the plan work. Guidelines are being prepared and routes - chosen so genuine between airlines - will be studied over the next few months and a set of trial run statistics published. Every airline will then be told to give the CAA its on-time records which will be checked with air traffic control centres and airport authorities.

Once a full data-base has been established the information will be made public, probably every month, to enable passengers to see whether the airline of their choice is improving or getting worse in its punctuality.



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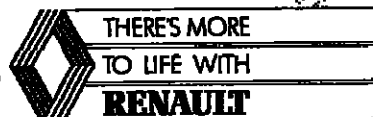
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# Scornful Europeans look for signs of Thatcher realism

From Richard Owen  
Brussels

Continental leaders, officials and newspapers yesterday condemned and mocked Mrs Thatcher for her onslaught against a united Europe.

"It's her tone I can't stand," one European official said as the European Economic Community absorbed the message of the Prime Minister's speeches in Bruges and Luxembourg. "Not all of what she says is objectionable. It's the way she says it."

This view has been backed up by the Continental press, with nearly all papers finding Mrs Thatcher's onslaught on European unification patronizing and off-beam. The Prime Minister has been universally mocked as "Lady De Gaulle".

The most damaging charge against Mrs Thatcher, however — made among others by Mr Andreas Papandreu, the Greek

Prime Minister, who is in the EEC chair — is that, by seeking to hold up the abolition of frontiers by 1992, she is in breach of the Single European Act.

Continental leaders have bent over backwards to find pro-European elements among Mrs Thatcher's remarks. Few if any Europeans dissent, for example, from her criticisms of bureaucracy and protectionism.

There is also a view, expressed among others by Mr Leo Tindemans, the veteran Belgian Foreign Minister, that Mrs Thatcher will accept the abolition of frontiers in the end, just as she accepted the Single Act in 1985 after initial opposition, and that her campaign is really aimed at British voters.

"No one ever lost votes in Britain by being anti-EEC," was one observation yesterday.

Some go further: Mrs Thatcher,

they say, has a way of weighing into EEC affairs when Euro-enthusiasm threatens to get out of hand, salting an otherwise heady mixture of Euro-Utopianism with a dose of good British common sense. The end result, as with recent budget reforms, is more realistic, and hence more durable.

There is always the possibility, however, that Mrs Thatcher means every word she says. This prospect suggests to EEC figures that a showdown between Britain and the other 11 nations is on the way. There have been show-downs before, of course, usually over spending. This time what is at stake is the future of Europe and Britain's part in it, and the ground over which the battle will be fought is the text of the Single Act.

The Act, signed at the Luxembourg Summit in December, 1985, and then ratified by all EEC parliaments (including West-

minster), amends the Treaty of Rome and is therefore basic EEC law. Article 84 says that the European Community "shall adopt measures with the aim of progressively establishing the internal market over a period expiring on 31 December, 1992".

It defines the internal market as "an area without internal frontiers in which the free movement of goods, persons, services and capital is ensured". The Commission was asked to draw up 300 harmonization measures, 90 of which have been passed.

The fear that this would help drug pushers and criminals is not new. At the time the Single Act was negotiated, it was assumed, not least by Mrs Thatcher and by Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, that internal frontiers could be scrapped provided external walls were strengthened. United Europe would then be like

the United Kingdom, where a terrorist can pass from England to Wales without a border check provided he can get through Heathrow or Dover in the first place. So with the EEC external and internal borders.

Something has changed, to the dismay of British officials in Europe, who are having to adjust to the new line. The new benchmark is Mrs Thatcher at Bruges: "Of course we must make it easier for goods to pass through frontiers, of course we must make it easier for our people to travel throughout the Community. But it is a matter of plain common sense that we cannot totally abolish frontier control if we are also to protect our citizens and stop the movement of drugs, of terrorists, of illegal immigrants."

So far, Britain has not produced a legal justification for this doctrine. The assumption appears to

be that, if the Government opposes the abolition of frontiers despite the Single Act commitment, it will not happen.

The Single Act does contain an escape clause, in the form of a General Declaration giving states the right "to take such measures as they consider necessary" to combat drugs smuggling, crime and terrorism. But EEC leaders have undertaken to avoid such national controls by agreeing on police co-operation throughout the EEC and on common visa, extradition and immigration policies. National border controls could then be retained only if the EEC failed to adopt such common measures.

It may happen that the Eleven agree on the "common measures" but that Britain, regarding them as insufficiently tough, exercises its right to keep national border checks.

But EEC legal experts and Euro-

MPs say that this would be illegal, and that Britain would face the European Court. A meeting in Athens this weekend of EEC Interior Ministers (the Trevi Group) should clarify the case.

So what is Mrs Thatcher up to? Many European officials believe she is fighting a rearguard action simply to reassure the British public that she has not sold the pass of national sovereignty.

But this dangerous tactic could backfire. Europe is moving towards integration. European airports are packed with British businessmen who commute to Amsterdam or Frankfurt as naturally as they do to Swindon or Liverpool. The British public may yet turn out to be more enthusiastic about the abolition of frontiers — which cost the EEC taxpayer an estimated £6 billion a year — than the Government has calculated.

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## Armenia protesters warned as airlift troops patrol capital

From A Correspondent, Moscow

Troops surrounded key government buildings in the Armenian capital of Yerevan yesterday as the official casualty figure from some of the Soviet Union's worst ethnic violence in years rose to 49.

Acknowledging that the situation was "not improving", the Government warned of a crackdown against protest leaders.

Mr Vadim Perflyev, the Foreign Ministry spokesman, said troops were airlifted into Armenia and the disputed Nagorno-Karabakh region under cover of darkness on Monday night after a clash between Armenians and Azerbaijanis near the village of Khadzhal. In that battle, which featured knives and crude home-made handguns, 24 people were injured and one, a carpenter aged 61, died.

As news of the clash spread, rival gangs of Armenians and Azerbaijanis fought pitched battles near the village of Shusha, 12 miles south of Stepanakert, the capital of Nagorno-Karabakh, and in other hamlets.

Mr Perflyev told a Moscow news conference that 48 people had been injured and one killed in the four days of clashes up to Wednesday night. He said of the 49 casualties, 33 were ethnic Armenians and 16 were Azerbaijanis.

He said the clashes in Shusha led to looting and at least 30 cases of arson, making it one of the worst ethnic incidents since February, when 32 people died and hundreds were injured in clashes in the industrial town of Sumgait in Azerbaijan.

Journalists in Yerevan con-

tacted by telephone from Moscow said the city of 1.16 million people had ground to a virtual standstill because of a general strike triggered by the violence. "Nothing is working in this city today. No factories are opened, no schools are opened, no institutes are opened and there is no public transport," one said.

Witnesses said troops sealed off streets leading to Communist Party headquarters, local administrative offices and the courts to prevent demonstrators gathering. Armoured personnel carriers were driven across roads to stop traffic and cars were being pulled to one side for random searches.

The official Armenian press agency said between 80,000 and 100,000 people demonstrated in the main Opera Square yesterday to demand an emergency session of the Armenian Supreme Soviet and to push for incorporation of Nagorno-Karabakh into Armenia. The region is dominated by ethnic Armenians but ruled by mainly Muslim Azerbaijanis under a 1923 pact with Moscow.

Witnesses said the demonstration was non-violent. Speakers called for Armenians living in Nagorno-Karabakh to secede from Azerbaijan.

Just such a secession attempt was quashed in July by the Supreme Soviet in Moscow, which cited constitutional guarantees against border changes without the consent of all republics concerned.

On Wednesday the Government declared a state of emergency in much of the Nagorno-Karabakh region

and in the neighbouring Agdam district. Troops poured into the region and a strict 9 pm-to-6 am curfew was declared in Stepanakert and the town of Agdam.

"In a situation where there has arisen a threat to the security, health, dignity and property of people in Nagorno-Karabakh, law-enforcement personnel are taking measures to stop criminal offences," Mr Perflyev said. But, he added, "the situation is not improving" and "self-styled leaders are urging people to stage illegal mass marches and rallies contributing to inter-ethnic strife and hostility".

Mr Perflyev warned that a crackdown against the leaders of the protests both in Nagorno-Karabakh and Yerevan was imminent. "We cannot allow anarchy, lawlessness and infringements on the guaranteed constitutional rights and rightful interests of citizens of any nationality. We cannot allow any fanning of enmity among ethnic groups, which is prohibited by all our laws."

"The only remaining option is that of decisively countering the provocateurs."

In the summer the Soviet leader, Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, appointed Mr Arkady Volysky, a member of the Communist Party Central Committee, as his special envoy to the region with powers not unlike those of a military governor.

Speaking on television in Nagorno-Karabakh on Wednesday, Mr Volysky said the situation was out of control and he promised to restore law and order.

## Spain given apology over hooliganism

From Nicholas Wood  
Political Correspondent  
Madrid

Mrs Margaret Thatcher last night spoke of her "shame" at the behaviour of some British holidaymakers in Spain.

Her remarks at a dinner in her honour hosted by Señor Felipe González, the Spanish Prime Minister, amounted to a formal apology from her for the drunken hooliganism that has disgraced popular Spanish resorts in recent years.

She made plain she would personally support tough action by the Spanish authorities to deal with troublemakers.

The Prime Minister delighted her host by also disclosing that Britain would participate in Expo '92 in Seville, Spain's celebration of the 500th anniversary of the discovery of America.

The Prime Minister referred to the seven and a half million Britons expected to visit Spain this year, saying that the vast majority came to enjoy its hospitality and climate.

"That small minority who do behave badly are a source of shame to all decent British people, and we fully support you in dealing very firmly with them."

According to Foreign Office figures, the number of British holidaymakers arrested and charged in Spain this summer had risen by 25 per cent over 1987 to more than 220.

There were 309 British prisoners in Spanish jails this year — nearly three times the number in 1984.

However, the Spanish Government has not sought to make an issue of the matter during the first ever visit by a British Prime Minister to the country.

The Ministry of Transport, Communications and Tourism has also played it down.

Mrs Thatcher said that 1992 would be an *annus mirabilis* for Spain because it marked the 500th anniversary of Columbus discovering America and the year in which it hosted the 25th Olympic Games and Expo '92.



Mrs Thatcher, the first British Prime Minister to visit Spain, shaking hands with Señor González, her Spanish counterpart.

## Press challenge view of Continent from No 10

The press in the European Community has been showing great interest in Mrs Thatcher's views on European integration delivered at the College of Europe in Bruges on Tuesday. The following are excerpts from a selection of political commentaries:

"The ideas she aired show little semblance of a reasonable weighing of arguments

for or against European integration. The British Prime Minister's disgust at European unity takes on a caricatural shape." *Het Belang van Limburg* (Hasselt, Belgium).

"Hers is a pragmatic and coherent view but also a myopic and egotistical vision that does not offer new perspectives or ideals for the

future." *Corriere Della Sera* (Turin).

"Mrs Thatcher's speech in Bruges caused more damage to the idea of a unified Europe than Hurricane Gilbert did to property in Jamaica." *De Volkskrant* (Amsterdam).

"What is really amazing is the rude and lecturing tone in which the Lady deals with her European partners." *Rhein-*

*ische Post* (Düsseldorf).

"At a time when the majority of EEC partners, caught up in the whirlwind of enthusiasm for 1992, discuss the best way to create a United States of Europe, so dear to Winston Churchill, Margaret Thatcher lands on the Continent more Gaullist than ever and refutes the idea of a European super-state." *Liberation* (Paris).

### WORLD ROUNDUP

## Russian move to revive arms talks

Washington — Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, after arriving here amid a boom scare, holds talks today with President Reagan to see what can be salvaged from the stalled arms control talks in the dying days of the Reagan Administration (Michael Binyon writes). He saw Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, yesterday and will address the United Nations General Assembly next week.

Mr Shevardnadze said yesterday he was carrying a letter from Mr Mikhail Gorbachev to Mr Reagan. He said he had "specific proposals" in many arms control areas: on the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, strategic arms talks, sea and air-launched cruise missiles and on chemical weapons.

## Namibia optimism

Johannesburg — Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the United Nations Secretary-General, said yesterday that he was hopeful that the UN's independence plan for Namibia, the former German colony ruled by South Africa since the First World War, could take effect on November 1 (Michael Hornsby writes).

Meanwhile, the American Consulate here announced that a fourth black political activist, Mr Clifford Ngobho, aged 30, had been granted "temporary refuge" on its premises.

## Gandhi climb-down

Delhi (Reuters) — The Indian Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, yesterday condemned to death by parliamentary procedure a press Bill that aroused the Indian media to near-unanimous wrath. In an embarrassing climb-down, he issued a statement saying the Defamation Bill would not be passed into law. The Bill, passed by the lower house of Parliament on August 30 before most of the media knew it existed, would have considerably broadened the definition of defamation, obliged the accused to prove his innocence, and jailed those found guilty.

## Bail for rights lawyer

Harare — The leading human rights lawyer in Zimbabwe's troubled Matabeleland province was arrested in Bulawayo yesterday on charges of perjury (A Correspondent writes). Mr and Mrs Bisset, aged 38, a thorn in the side of police in Bulawayo during seven years of unrest and often threatened with detention, was released on bail until October 7. A video refutes Mr Bisset's claim to have been absent when a former client, jailed for failing to tell police a friend was a South African agent, made a statement to police. A prosecution ruling that the error was made in good faith was reversed.

## New hurricane alert

Miami (Reuters) — Hurricane Helene headed across the open sea towards the storm-hit Caribbean yesterday, and forecasters warned island residents to be on alert. Storm trackers said Helene, centred about 1,200 miles east of Barbados and blowing winds of 85 mph, was too far away of Barbados and blowing winds to predict whether it would and its course too uncertain to predict whether it would strike the Caribbean. But Helene was following nearly the same westerly course taken by Hurricane Gilbert, which grew into the century's most destructive storm last week.

## Texas Tory smooths Democratic way in South

From Charles Bremner  
Fresno

"Viva Bentsen." The Hispanic cheerleaders in Fresno, California, managed the chant without a wince. It came easier than "Viva Dukakis".

Senator Lloyd Bentsen, the other half of the Democratic odd couple, was making the unimpeachable candidate's appearance in Fresno, the undistinguished rising-growing capital of California, the state, as they say, where all the fruit and most of the nuts come from.

Vice-President George Bush spoke here last week and Senator Dan Quayle's plane was still on the tarmac on Wednesday when the 67-year-old Democrat flew in to do what he does best — damage control and reassurance.

Diffident, soft-spoken, but a tough old pro, the courtly Texan has made no waves in his campaign and that is the way he wants it.

While the opinion polls show that the puppy-like Mr Quayle has proved to be a liability for the Bush campaign, especially among Republican voters, his senior colleague has worked to the Democrats' benefit. He has used his senatorial clout — he is chairman of the Finance Committee — and considerable local authority to defuse the Republican

offensive in Texas, and the Southern and Western states, the region where Mr Dukakis is most viewed as a cultural alien.

In the North-East, Mr Bentsen leaves the field largely to the Massachusetts governor. Rich, poker-playing Texans do not seduce the masses in places like the Bronx or Philadelphia.

But down in Texas, the prize that he must deliver to Mr Dukakis, his credit is good when he tells the crowd: "You have my mind on it."

The senator likes to tell the crowds in Texas: "I'm bilingual. I speak Spanish and I speak Southern."

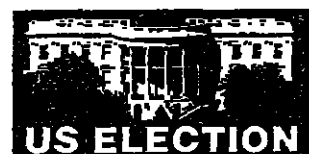
The dig there is at Mr Bush, the Yankee-speaking "adopted" Texan whom Mr Bentsen beat for his Senate seat in 1970 and with whom he is doing combat for the prize of the Texas electoral bloc this year. Born on the Rio Grande, Mr Bentsen grew up mixing with Mexicans.

But the multi-millionaire Mr Bentsen has far more in common with the Vice-President than with the suburbanite Massachusetts governor. In Washington they mix and play tennis with the same "Beltway" crowd. But, stung by Mr

Bush's grab for the flag, Mr Bentsen has recently taken the gloves off.

"George Bush talking about budget management is like Dan Quayle talking about his resume," he told the crowd in Fresno. "There ain't much to say."

Tall, lean and every inch the Texas Tory, Mr Bentsen works on the campaign trail at being what Mr



Dukakis is not. In style alone, the two could not be more different. Elegantly tailored and urbane, Mr Bentsen is known as old "Black Tie and Boots". The small and ungainly Mr Dukakis, of course, favours cheap suits and relies for impact on his earnest intensity.

The two do, however, share a haughtiness and neither is good at back-slapping. But then, there is certainly no populist on the Republican ticket either.

In some countries it might seem odd to find leaders of the same party taking opposite stands on key issues but not in the "issue-free" US campaign of 1988. Here it helps. If

you hate aid to the Contras, then Mike Dukakis is your man. If you want to keep up aid to the Contras, then, no problem, go with Lloyd Bentsen.

Mr Bentsen also opposes gun control, in common with most non-suicidal politicians in the South. While Mr Dukakis favours few new weapons, from the MX missile to the B-1 bomber, Senator Bentsen votes for them, including the MX and the B-1.

He opposes oil import fees and backed President Reagan's tax cuts.

Mr Dukakis ridiculed the tax cuts and campaigns for the oil fee. Mr Bentsen earlier appeared to oppose abortion — one of the most sensitive election issues. Now he says it can be justified in certain cases. The list goes on.

Most curious of all in view of the liberal rectitude of Mr Dukakis, Senator Bentsen is one of the biggest friends of business in the Senate. He has, among other things, received more money from business lobby groups than any member of Congress.

The Bentsen record is puzzling to Northern Democrats. "Is Lloyd Bentsen a Democrat?" asked the pro-Democrat *New Republic* this month. "Yes, but barely," it con-

cluded after arguing that, despite his conservatism on defence and support for the business world, he had a mainly liberal record on civil rights and social policy.

Mr Bentsen's business proclivities are just another trait that makes it tough for the Republicans to make attacks on him.

Mr Bush and his running mate have all but given up trying to nail the wily old Texan pro — he is too much of a Republican. Now their tactic is known as "Vote twice for Texas".

This is aimed at encouraging the old Southern propensity to split the ticket between conservative Democrat and Republican.

Mr Bentsen, through a quirk of Texan law devised to help Lyndon Johnson, is running for re-election as senator at the same time as Vice-President. So, the Bushmen say: "Do Texas a favour. Put George in the White House and keep Lloyd in the Senate."

That, according to Texan and national polls, is just what may be about to happen. Mr Bentsen is a man who has never failed in life. If he loses the vice-presidency, a dubious prize anyway, he is assured of keeping his power and prestige in the Senate.



Senator Quayle: Failing to win battles with hecklers.

Senator Dan Quayle is tiptoeing through the West, trying earnestly to do nothing wrong. The Bush campaign has muzzled him. Mostly he sticks to a carefully written script, because he is so nervous when he faces reporters that he can become incoherent.

His campaign has been trimmed to a usual maximum of one rally a day, with all other appearances restricted to sympathetic small-town audiences, like the Rotary and chamber of commerce. Press conferences are averaging about one every 12 days.

His wife, Marilyn, who frequently travels with him, appears more and more in the

"Run like a Quayle." "What did you do in the war, Daddy?"

The Indiana senator has the Republicans worried. He lacks confidence on the hustings; he puts his foot in it incessantly; he is failing to attract young people and he is so nervous when he faces reporters that he can become incoherent.

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role of protector, tugging urgently at his jacket in a signal to stop answering reporters' questions. Between stops he usually remains sequestered in the private front section of his campaign plane, the "Hoosier Pride" — a Hoosier being an Indiana native — without venturing into the rear to meet his entourage of journalists.

Mr Quayle's mission is simple: to lash at Governor Michael Dukakis as a weak wishy-washy liberal, and to avoid any more gaffes.

He can look forlorn in his prison of caution and restraint. He waved an open-air rally at the University of Nevada in Las Vegas, where he ought to have been assured of a good

reception since the town is strongly Republican. No more than 300 people turned up. He read deadpan from his script for 10 minutes, pausing frequently when he was drowned out by chanting Dukakis supporters. He smiled thinly, and looked awkward.

"I know why they have to yell like that," he responded lamely. "If you had to support Dukakis, you would have to yell, too."

He used the same response twice more in his weary oration, delivered before a huge American flag flowing lazily in the wind. There was no fire in him. The hecklers won.

His campaign has come under a tight, stifling control

after several embarrassing incidents. He looked silly when he asserted that Mr Dukakis lost his "top naval adviser" when his rubber duck drowned.

More seriously, he undermined the entire Republican "strong on defence" theme by declaring, among other gaffes, that the Pentagon budget should "feel the sacrifice" of a "modified freeze".

The senator acknowledged that his qualification to be the presidency was a legitimate question. "It is on the people's mind. They do not know Dan Quayle, they know the name. They are trying to fill in the blanks."

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# Fear of Egyptian food riots mars Mubarak's EEC tour

From Christopher Walker, Cairo

The spectre of the bread riots which threatened the Government of President Sadat in 1977 is hanging ominously over a tour of the three main EEC capitals which his less flamboyant successor, President Mubarak, begins in London at the weekend.

Discontent over price rises among Egypt's 53 million population has been intensified by severe shortages of basic commodities, particularly sugar.

The Egyptian leader, capitalizing on the vital role being played by Egypt in the Middle East, will attempt to convince Mrs Thatcher, President Mitterrand and Chancellor Helmut Kohl that Egypt's fragile social fabric is in danger of imminent collapse if economic reforms demanded by the International Monetary Fund are implemented. The conditions are being stipulated for Egypt to reschedule some of its crippling debts.

Before leaving on a mission which will test his diplomatic powers to the utmost, President Mubarak argued that price rises would have to be gradual.

"The IMF plan aims at killing the Egyptian citizen and is impossible to implement," he said in reference to calls for drastic cuts in food and energy subsidies. "The

IMF wants to cancel subsidies at one go, while we intend to do it gradually."

Mr Mubarak's campaign received a boost from an unexpected quarter yesterday when Cairo's main opposition newspaper, *Al-Wafd*, disclosed that a plan had been



President Mubarak: Severe test of his diplomatic skills.

drawn up to prevent unrest.

According to the paper, the Government has instructed special riot police to be installed in the universities (due to reopen next month) and at public places to quell any violence resulting from its plans to raise the price of bread and flour.

Under the scheme, introduced on an experimental basis earlier this month, the two-piastre loaf (100 piastres = 27p) is to be gradually phased out in favour of a

better-quality, five-piastre loaf. This is designed to save £210 million in subsidies over the next 18 months.

Rumours about the plan, suggesting that its real intention is the elimination of the two-piastre loaf, have increased popular discontent already fuelled by inflation estimated by Western experts at 40 per cent.

Further evidence of discontent came with a report yesterday that, in a rare display of industrial unrest, Egyptian textile workers took to the streets of Mehalla Kobra, 75 miles north of Cairo, to protest about pay.

Residents said that workers in the Nile Delta industrial town protested after President Mubarak refused to continue paying an annual bonus to help families with school expenses because it would increase the country's budget deficit.

The elusive IMF agreement, the subject of deadlocked negotiations which broke up earlier this month, is vital if Egypt is to secure approval for an expected request to the Paris Club of creditor governments for the rescheduling of at least \$5,000 million (about £2,995 million) of official debt instalments.

"With the total foreign debts now adding up to US\$43

billion, the President is hoping that Mrs Thatcher and the others will use political muscle on the IMF to soften its demands," one diplomat said.

"The trouble is, there is a good argument for saying that, if Egypt does not quickly put its economic house in order, the threat to his leadership will be even greater."

A senior Egyptian government source said: "The IMF is playing this by the book and turning a blind eye to the risks involved in implementing such painful measures at a speed where the repercussions could spill over on the streets."

He said that domestic stability had already been undermined by the existence of one million unemployed former university students whose once guaranteed jobs in the public sector have been withdrawn as part of an earlier economy drive.

During the meetings in Europe, the Egyptian team is expected to emphasize that Islamic militants are waiting in the wings in Egyptian cities and universities, ready to fan the flames of discontent.

It was revealed yesterday that in the latest incident involving Islamic unrest earlier this month, Egyptian security units rounded up 500 people near a Cairo mosque.

# Murder in New York cathedral



Cardinal John O'Connor speaking to the press as police guard St Patrick's after the killing.

New York (Reuters) — An apparently deranged man stormed naked into St Patrick's Cathedral on Wednesday, killed a church usher and seriously injured a policeman before being shot dead by another officer.

Twelve hours earlier he had confronted Cardinal John O'Connor at morning Mass, but left without incident.

A police spokesman, Mr Ray O'Donnell, said the man came into the cathedral about 8 pm, tore out a prayer stand and hit the usher over the head with it, killing him instantly.

The unidentified attacker had ripped off his clothes shortly before entering the cathedral on Manhattan's Fifth Avenue, and witnesses said that the man was covering his groin with a bunch of flowers.

After picking up the prayer stand, the man started swinging at people in the church, striking an elderly woman, who was only slightly hurt, before fatally injuring the 70-year-old usher.

The officer was injured in the struggle to subdue the man and was taken to Bellevue Hospital, where he was described as "comfortable."

Cardinal O'Connor told reporters that the man had confronted him 12 hours earlier at morning Mass.

"He seemed deranged, a big, powerful man. I talked to him, patted him on the back. A priest beside me whispered 'Be careful, he turns violent,'" the cardinal said.

# Mob tactics help whip up Serbian mood of hatred

From Richard Bassett, Kraljevo

From Novi Pazar to Kraljevo, the road is a motorist's graveyard. Abandoned, overturned lorries, smashed cars in ditches, some still draped with wreaths from mourning relations, all remind one of the hazards of motoring in Serbia.

But yesterday's driving rain and fog did not deter tens of thousands of Serbs in buses risking the roads in order to pack Kraljevo for another noisy demonstration of Serbian nationalism, the 18th meeting in 10 days.

The ringleaders, fists clenched, crying "Serbs unite! Power to Serbs", sport Montenegrin pillbox hats and Balkan mustaches.

Many believe they are the same people, day after day, perhaps no more than 200, who pop up in each town to whip up the masses.

After several decades of somnolence, the flame of Serbian nationalism has been ignited by the Serbian leader, Mr Slobodan Milosevic, the first "personality" to come to the fore of Yugoslav politics since the death of Marshal Tito in 1980.

Feeding off Serbian fears in the parts of Yugoslavia where they are only a minority, Mr Milosevic has drummed up support from Serbs who are paranoid about being swamped by ethnic Albanians in the autonomous province of Kosovo. Sporadic demonstrations, which once attracted only a few hundred fanatics, have become a daily occurrence involving tens of thousands of people.

Yesterday in Kraljevo it was clear that many of the younger Serbs chanting "Kosovo is Serbian, long live Serbia", had only the haziest notion of the actual situation in the province.

Promena! Promena! (Change! Change!) screamed a young Serbian girl, immaculately dressed in the latest Western clothes, belying any suggestion that Yugoslavia is in the grips of an economic crisis.

"What change did she want? 'I want the Albanians to stop raping us!' she bristled. Had she known personally of any cases of rape by Albanians? Had any Serbs ever been convicted of rape? In the atmosphere of near-hysteria

prevailing at the meeting, such questions met with a sullen and hateful silence.

Throughout the meeting young Serbs responded all too well to what are well-known techniques of stimulating mass hysteria. A minute's silence, martial music, well-orchestrated chants, the old reference to Albania to provoke hisses and work up aggression; less well-orchestrated, perhaps, than in Goebbels's day but with very nearly identical effects.

It remains to be seen whether Mr Milosevic will bequeath anything but a legacy of hatred to Yugoslav politics. As the accompanying shouts yesterday proved, any politician who denounces the demonstrations or criticizes Mr Milosevic is immediately put on the "hate list" of names chanted by crowds at the next demonstration.

Belgrade — Mr Dusan Ckrebic, a member of the Presidium of the Yugoslav Communist Party, yesterday predicted sweeping changes in leadership as the central committee prepares to meet next month to discuss Serbian unrest and heal internal rifts (Dessa Trevisan writes). Croatian and Slovene politicians have clashed with Serbs on ways to resolve the protracted Kosovo problem.

The crowds are ferried, fed and supported by the Socialist Alliance organization, which is firmly behind Mr Milosevic. Using tactics again reminiscent of mobs employed in prewar totalitarian regimes, they can guarantee a crowd to form at the drop of Mr Milosevic's hat, even though the leader himself is rarely present.

Such is the prevailing mood of irrational hatred that every event has become politicized in Serbia. Every time an Albanian cow strays onto a Serbian farm, it is "provocation." Every time a Serbian girl is asked the way by an Albanian in a Kosovo village, it is "rape."

The ethnic Albanians who rioted in Kosovo in 1981 and have since campaigned for full autonomy, now face Mr Milosevic's campaign aiming to reduce their limited autonomy and rights even further.

# Row over 'exiles'

Wellington — The United Nations is to be asked by New Zealand to adjudicate on the case of two French secret service agents, repatriated to France when they were supposed to spend three years in exile on the South Pacific atoll of Hao for their part in the July 1985 bombing of a Greenpeace protest ship in Auckland Harbour.

# Tram lines

Amsterdam (Reuters) — Extracts from the works of 10 Dutch poets have been posted at about 300 tram stops and commuters are asked to nominate their favourite, who will receive a 15,000 guilder (£4,500) prize.

# Climber dies

Kathmandu (Reuters) — An avalanche on Mount Everest killed a Nepalese climber but left a compatriot and a Spaniard unharmed.

# De Mel quits

Colombo — Mr Ronnie de Mel, who was Finance Minister of Sri Lanka for 11 years from 1977, has resigned his seat in Parliament.

# Grave charge

Jakarta (AFP) — A woman, aged 30, and her teenage maid servant, believed dead and buried by robbers in a village in South Sumatra, crawled out of their graves to report the crime.

# Doctor freed

Bianco, Italy (AP) — A doctor held by kidnappers for eight months has been freed after his family paid a ransom of 750 million lire (about £317,000).

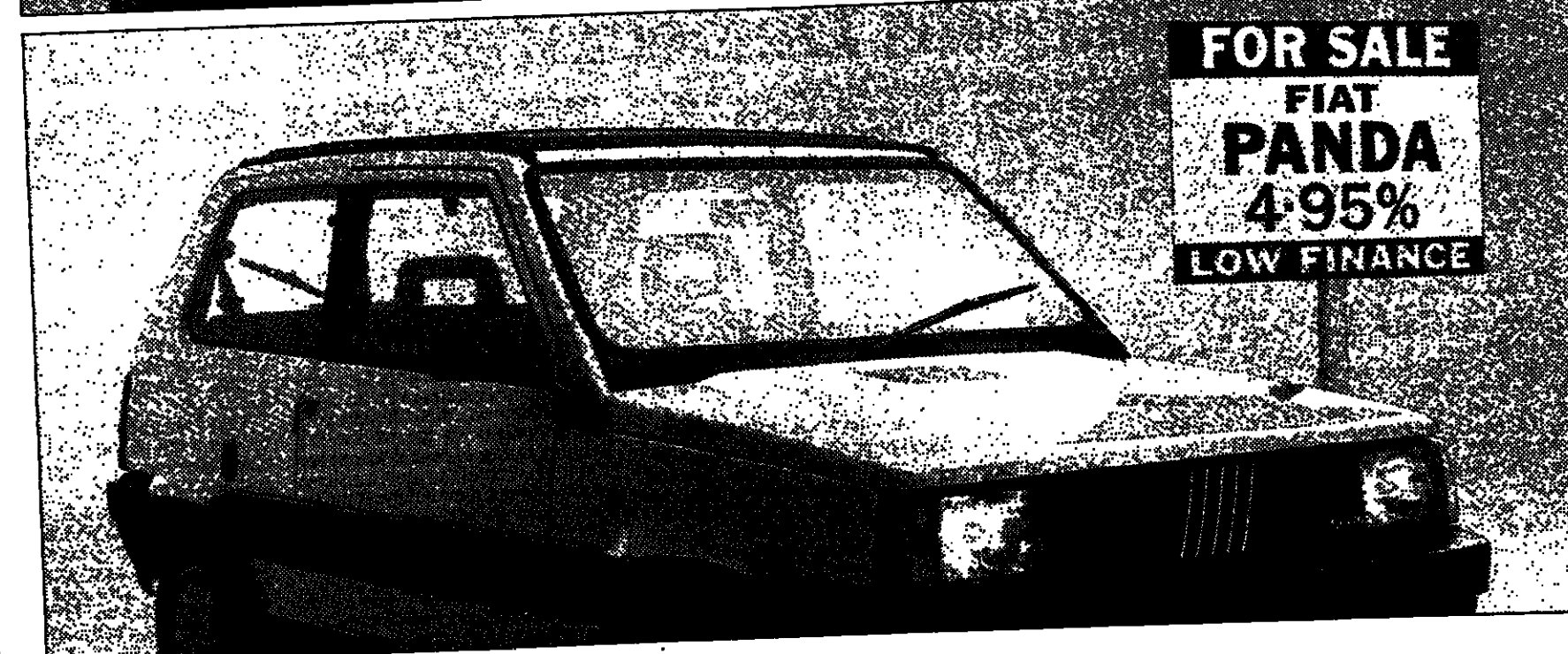
# Rebels killed

Lusaka (Reuters) — Zambian troops killed 23 Mozambican rebels in the past two days after pursuing them into Mozambique.

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Burma in crisis: Army cracks down as opposition spurns renewed call to take part in elections

# Troops search from house to house for Rangoon dissidents

## Ne Win pulling strings of puppet ruler

From Edward Gorman  
Bangkok

Despite a question mark over his health, a protest movement against him which has cost thousands of lives, and the fact that he now does not hold an official position, General Ne Win, the 77-year-old former

Burmese leader, continues to cling doggedly to power. Diplomats and other independent observers here and in Rangoon are now convinced that Sunday's so-called coup was a charade. They say the move which installed General

Saw Maung as new leader is part of a strategy by General Ne Win — who ruled Burma for 26 years until July — to retain power.

He relies on a small group of intensely loyal army officers, most of whom are expected to feature in the 10-member Cabinet announced on Wednesday which includes nine military men and, significantly, no Prime Minister.

"They are an extremely stubborn group who are immensely loyal to him," said one experienced Burma-watcher here. "Ne Win has raised and fed them over the years — he is like a godfather figure."

It is now thought certain that the order to execute the apparent coup on Sunday came directly from General Ne Win. The decision, fanning unrest which on Tuesday and Wednesday led to the deaths



Policemen strengthening the ranks of anti-government demonstrators at a recent protest in the Burmese capital, Rangoon.

of up to 400 people, is being seen as a return to his hardline strategy.

Observers say the move was prompted by what General Ne Win saw as the failure of the conciliatory approach of Dr Maung Maung, the former leader. He had offered oppo-

sition leaders, in what was seen as a gesture of reconciliation, multi-party elections within three months. The offer, however, was roundly rejected by opposition leaders and students.

The country, meanwhile, fell more deeply into crisis.

General Saw Maung, a wealthy career soldier, is now the third successor to General Ne Win, and according to observers here he is no more than a "puppet" of the former leader. A Swedish journalist,

Bertil Lintner, a Burma expert, says the pecking order has not changed.

At the top is General Ne Win, staying behind the scenes, then comes U Sein Lwin, the hated former security chief, then the new leader, General Saw Maung.

Bangkok (Reuters) — Burmese troops yesterday carried out a house-to-house search in Rangoon's main business district for leaders of the protests against military rule and to order striking workers back to their jobs.

Opposition leaders rejected a military call to take part in elections, and diplomats and dissidents said the spectre of urban guerrilla war against army rule was growing.

Residents reported the biggest presence of combat-ready troops in the capital since the military seized power on Sunday, but said there were few outbreaks of shooting. A Western ambassador said the city was largely peaceful, "but it is the peace of the cemetery".

A Western witness said troops were moving through the city in lorries and armoured cars, frisking citizens and sealing off individual blocks to search the buildings.

"They roust people out of their homes and enter to search. If they find someone home, they ask: 'Why are you not at work?' Then they

reportedly rough up people and tell them to get back to work tomorrow."

Western diplomats said questioning was especially rough if soldiers found pro-democracy literature or newspapers in the homes they searched. Some troops reportedly stole valuables.

Strikes in support of multi-party democracy have paralysed virtually every industry and government department since early August and military rulers who seized power on Sunday have ordered a return to work by October 3.

The envoys said the main targets of the search were the leaders of hundreds of workers and student unions formed since August 28 in defiance of a 26-year ban on such organizations.

Virtually all civil servants in Rangoon ignored the Army's back-to-work order. A few markets offered food to shoppers.

The army-run state radio, monitored here, said troops were sweeping one suburb for scores of weapons looted from a police station the day before.

But diplomats said some quarters of the capital and much of Mandalay, Burma's second city and a centre of Buddhist learning, continued to hold out against the Army's attempts at control.

Daw Aung San Sou Kyi, a leading opposition figure, spurned the election offer of General Saw Maung's Government. She said: "We think it is up to the Government first to stop the shooting and restore the country to its previous state when we could at least have proper democratic demonstrations, freedom of expression."

A doctor at Rangoon General Hospital said 500 people were being treated there for army-inflicted wounds. Many had been shot in the chest or back. The hospital was critically short of supplies.

Minor surgery was being performed without anaesthetics. Wounded were lying on mats in corridors because there were not enough beds. "This is a true emergency situation; hospitals are practically empty of supplies," a foreign aid administrator said.

## Trouble at home adds to stress on Olympic runner

From Gavin Bell, Seoul

The loneliness of the long-distance runner has a special poignancy for Mar Mar Min. Early today she was beginning the most important race of her life in the women's Olympic marathon, but her husband and seven-year-old son were not in the stadium to cheer her, nor were they among the millions watching the event on television.

There was no possibility of telephoning them after the finish, because she is from Burma, and her family is trapped in its bloody revolution. While other competitors were striving for medals, Mar Mar Ming was more concerned about her relatives and friends in Rangoon.

The diminutive 30-year-old athlete was deceptively calm as she jogged round a track in the athletes' village with her team mate, Khin Khin Htwe, aged 20, who is competing in the women's 1,500-metre and 3,000-metre races. But clearly neither was fully enjoying the excitement of the occasion.

Ignored by the camera crews, they sat quietly in the sunshine watching more famous athletes going through their paces, a discreet shadow of anxiety amid the glamour of the Olympic carnival. The only Burmese competitors, they missed the opening ceremony because their flight was cancelled. They arrived a few hours later via Bangkok, a week behind schedule.

Neither wished to discuss the situation in their country, but their coach said they had spent the past month confined to the Aung San sports stadium in Rangoon. Training,

eating and sleeping in the arena as the rebellion raged around them, they were unable to run outside. Deprived of road training, an essential part of a marathon build-up, she had to make endless circuits of the stadium track.

She recalls happier days when her husband, an army sergeant, used to take her to the training headquarters on his bicycle, with their son perched on the handlebars. A keen marathon runner himself, he has been spared the horror of the street clashes because of his duties as a sports administrator.

Since they arrived in Seoul, Khin Khin, the other athlete, has been unable to make direct contact with her nine brothers and sisters or her sweetheart, a younger brother of Mar Mar's husband. Another concern is that both young women are employed as secretaries in government departments that have probably ceased to function.

Daw Khin Htay, the athletics coach, has been doing her best to alleviate the psychological stresses and help her charges concentrate on their competitions. "We don't know what's going on in our country. But we can't do anything about it, so I tell them to just try to forget it and think only of the races."

Major-General Aung Ye Kyaw, the head of the Burmese National Olympic Committee, was uncommunicative in a brief telephone conversation. Yes, he expected the girls to do well; no, he had nothing to say on the political crisis. Games report, pages 34-36.

## Games swell wave of unrest in Korea

From Our Own Correspondent, Seoul

Political dissidents and members of an urban poor association in South Korea have joined students in a growing protest movement, directed partly against the Olympic Games.

Hundreds of riot police surrounded the campus of Yonsei University in western Seoul yesterday when about 1,000 demonstrators gathered to sing protest songs and chant slogans against the Government, the US military presence in South Korea and the staging of the Games.

Groups occasionally marched on to the highway outside the main entrance, but the police did not intervene and they returned to the campus without incident.

Propaganda films from North Korea were shown during the rally, which was probably the biggest display of resentment against the Games since they began last Saturday. While most South Koreans share the Government's view that it is an event of national prestige, an increasing number are protesting that its benefits are not being shared equally.

Mr Kim Dae Jung, the principal opposition leader, was sharply rebuked by the ruling Democratic Justice Party this week when he suggested the cost of the Olympics was extravagant.

He said they came at a time when many people were more concerned about meeting rent payments and stocking up with food supplies for the

winter. Local newspapers reported that the price of onions had increased by 60 per cent, and those of beef and eggs by 30 per cent, in the past month. Garlic, much used in Korean dishes, has more than doubled in price.

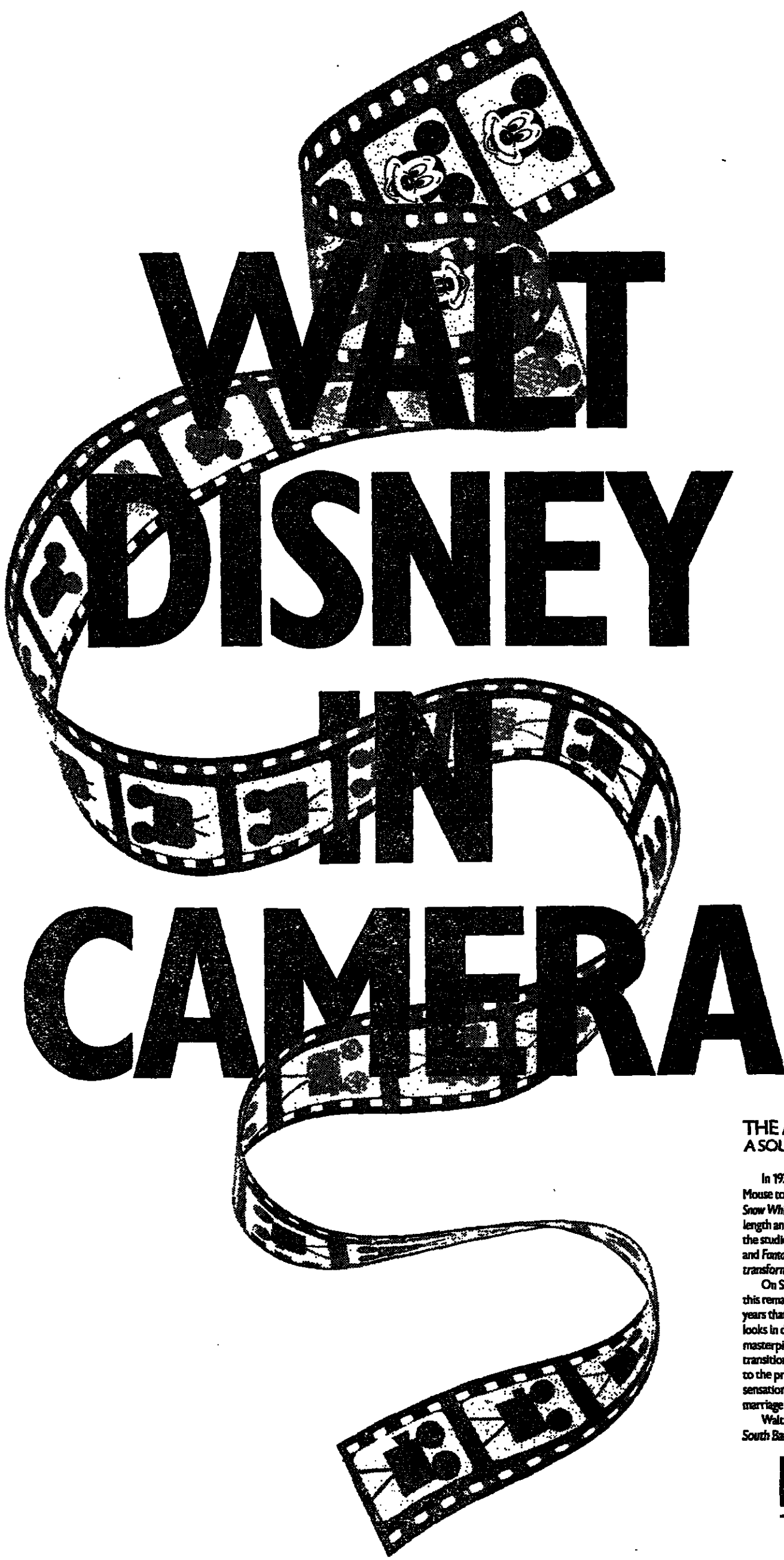
The Olympic organizing committee has tried to encourage a festive spirit by staging street carnivals, and selling tickets relatively cheaply. But the dissidents insist that the extravaganza has done nothing to alleviate the plight of the urban and rural poor, especially thousands of families who have been evicted from their homes by redevelopment schemes in the capital.

Several hundred evicted tenants staged a bitter parody of the Games at Hansung University on Wednesday, using petrol bombs in their "torch" ceremony to burn a caricature of President Roh Tae Woo, who was elected under a new democratic Constitution last December.

An American flag was burned at a similar demonstration on Tuesday by students near a hotel accommodating delegates of the International Olympic Committee.

It seems likely the protesters have been encouraged by the presence of large numbers of foreign reporters and television crews.

So far they have not ventured anywhere near the heavily-guarded competition venues, however, and no violence has been reported.



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In 1928 Walt Disney introduced Mickey Mouse to the world; in 1937 he premiered *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* — the first full-length animated feature film. This period also saw the studio work on *Pinocchio*, *Bambi*, *Dumbo*, and *Fantasia*. In ten years the Disney studio had transformed the art of animation.

On Sunday, The South Bank Show chronicles this remarkable decade, and developments in the years that followed. In particular the programme looks in detail at *Pinocchio* (arguably Disney's masterpiece), then follows the successful transition into live action, and takes us through to the present day with the latest Disney sensation *Who Framed Roger Rabbit?* (an exciting marriage of live action and animation).

Walt Disney in Camera: the full story on the South Bank Show.

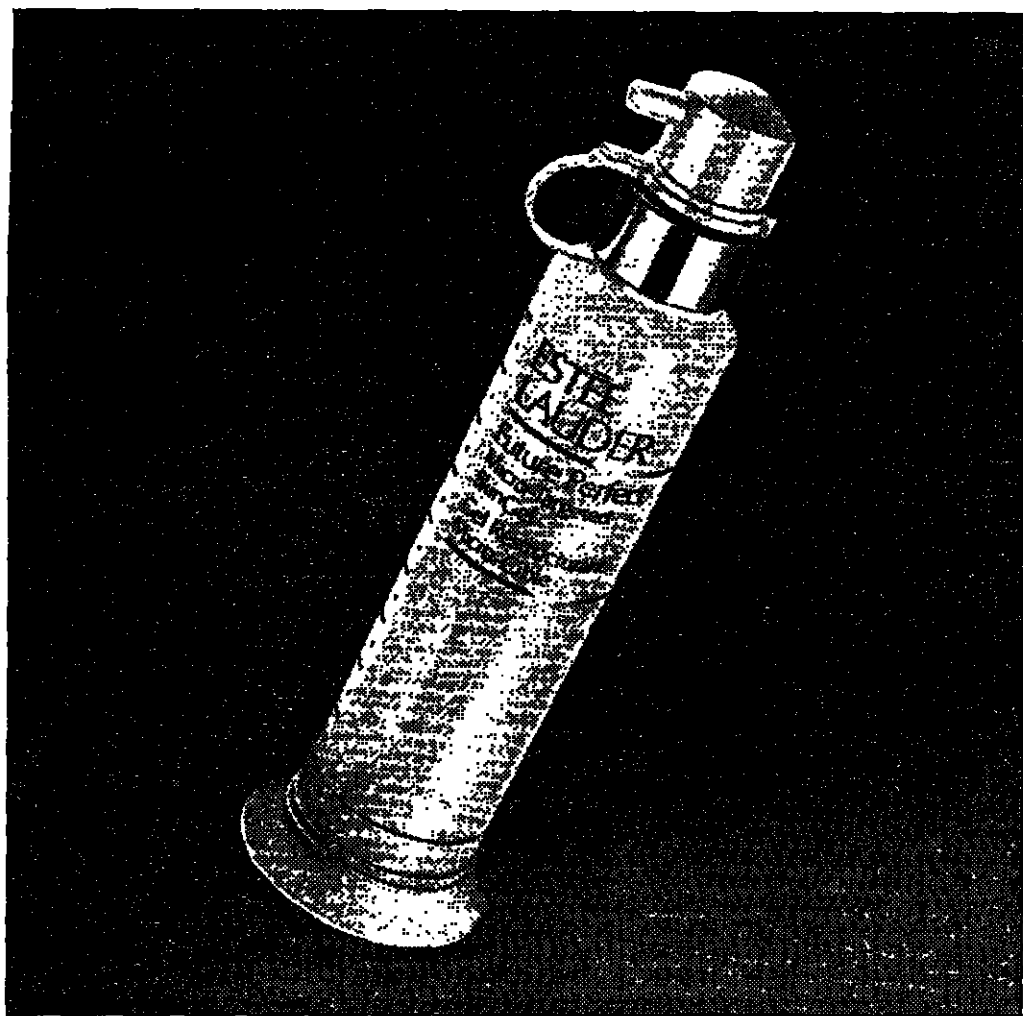
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## COMPEL OR RETREAT

The state of emergency declared in Nagorno-Karabakh and the appearance of armoured cars in Yerevan, the capital of Soviet Armenia, are evidence that the Soviet Government's best efforts to quell the unrest in the Trans-Caucasus have failed. Abandoning its earlier attempts at containment, Moscow has now taken the first steps towards the imposition of martial law and pacification by force.

This turn of events will probably please the Kremlin as little as it will please the inhabitants of the two republics concerned and the world outside. Until now, Moscow seemed to be trying to meet many of the grievances nurtured by the Armenian population of Nagorno-Karabakh, while at the same time yielding nothing in principle.

The Government of Nagorno-Karabakh had complained that the region was starved of resources by the Republic of Azerbaijan (of which it is administratively a part). Moscow pledged a large increase in money for development; food distribution is said to have improved. The inhabitants had complained that they lacked Armenian cultural facilities; television programmes are now beamed in from Yerevan, and assurances have been given that the Armenian language and education will be safeguarded. But the strikes, which began in February, continue.

What Moscow has not granted is the one thing that Nagorno-Karabakh, supported by the leaders of Armenia and by mass demonstrations in Yerevan, has demanded from the beginning: secession from Azerbaijan and the transfer of the region to Armenia. Azerbaijan is implacably opposed to any transfer, and Moscow insists that a dangerous precedent could be set.

One transfer of a disputed region could lead to another, fuelling discontent elsewhere. The fact that most disputed areas are close to Soviet frontiers makes the dispute even less amenable to compromise.

In deciding to declare a state of emergency

and send troops to end the mass demonstrations in Yerevan, the authorities had to weigh two considerations: the damage that such action might do to the Soviet leadership's image, and the risk of a complete breakdown of law and order. A gun battle between Armenians and Azerbaijanis at the weekend, which followed attacks on public buildings in Nagorno-Karabakh and on security police, apparently tipped the balance. Now, Armenia is officially out of bounds to journalists, and the authorities are trying to impose an information blackout.

The blackout is unlikely to be effective because many Armenians have extensive contacts in Moscow and abroad. There must be doubts, too, whether Armenian demonstrators can be persuaded off the streets and back to work. The mass protests in Yerevan, which have continued for seven months despite new regulations designed to prevent them, illustrate nothing so much as the impotence of the authorities in the face of serious mass protest.

Moscow must also be disturbed by the links being forged between activists in Armenia and representatives of other national groups in the Soviet Union, including the Baltic states. Of still greater concern will be the increasingly anti-Russian and anti-Communist tone of the Armenian protests.

In the long term, enforced pacification is likely to bring more resentment than peace. Emergency measures can be only a temporary solution.

One of the compromises proposed by the leadership of Armenia earlier this year was for the central Government in Moscow to take temporary charge of Nagorno-Karabakh. Azerbaijan rejected this on the grounds that it would lose an integral part of its republic. If the alternative is indefinite martial law in the Caucasus, however, Mr Gorbachev and the leaders of Azerbaijan might — however reluctantly — have to countenance a retreat.

## A CLERK BY ANY NAME

The title of Sir Robin Butler's first major speech as Head of the Home Civil Service — "Are government and good management compatible?" — did not dodge the key question of Civil Servants' relationship with the enterprise culture. It was a pity, then, that when the Cabinet Secretary spoke earlier this week of the executive agencies which are planned to transform the way in which Whitehall delivers services he was not more welcoming towards the greater use of outside managers and private sector techniques.

Sir Robin clearly hopes, for example, that very few agency chief executives will come from outside the Civil Service, and that the agencies themselves will be far removed from the "freestanding" bodies once envisaged. The new titles of "executive agency" and "chief executive" will, in that case, be little more than a change of name.

Sir Robin's approach is noticeably more cautious than the techniques which have been applied in two comparable parts of the public sector: in former nationalized industries, and local government. Is there something that makes Whitehall so crucially different?

Sir Robin seems to argue that there is — the difference between the supermarket shopper and the benefit claimant. The decision of the benefit clerk may be raised with ministers; the Civil Service, of which the clerk is part, must be able to serve governments of different colour; the Government must be able to demonstrate the "fairness, consistency and integrity" of its servants' actions.

How much are these a real block to changing ways in Whitehall? Every benefit clerk need not be an employee of Government in order that Government should adequately supervise

him. Ministers, after all, seem confident that they can secure satisfactory gas, electricity and water supplies, and answer for these on the floor of the House, when workers who provide those services are in the private sector.

Whitehall has a tendency to make up the rules as Whitehall goes along, to under-specify and over-administer, to drag ministers into details of management which are properly delegated down the line. Accountability is dodged. Ministers no longer resign for administrative errors, and Crown servants have enjoyed immunities from legislative standards which apply elsewhere.

Fairness, consistency and integrity are, thankfully, hallmarks of the Civil Service. But they are not unique to it. Sir Robin can scarcely be saying that businesses like Marks & Spencer, Tesco or Sainsbury could carry on in business for a week if these attributes were lacking.

Would the public have less confidence in the benefit system if, one day, it was administered in part by, say, the Halifax Building Society or Barclays Bank? The public could well have more confidence, especially if it meant that the complaint mechanisms were more visibly separated from those who run the system and who today can find themselves judges in their own cause.

Sir Robin has been frank in setting out his views. But whilst Government is not just like a business, there may be more scope than he imagines to introduce business techniques. It would be prudent to refrain from rushing to create large numbers of agencies in today's Whitehall mould, if there are signs that the lessons of the scope for private provision of public services are only just beginning.

## BREAKING LEBANON

No agreement emerged yesterday as to who was to succeed President Amin Gemayel of Lebanon whose time in office ends at midday today. A boycott of Parliament by its members, backed up by armed intimidation, demonstrated yet again how extra-parliamentary force is the key to political power.

Unless a solution arrives at rather later than the last possible minute, Lebanon faces the fracture of the highly fragile polity which has just about held it together through the ordeal of the last decade. Rival Governments, and ultimately the full partition of the country, lie threateningly ahead. Even just the prospect of partition will inevitably bring further fighting for control of territory.

The dispute over the presidential succession is a sham, as the Government for which the President is ultimately responsible is no more than a shadow of what a Government should be. Real power grows only out of the barrel of a gun. Yet gunmen who would hardly dream of obeying the Government regard its character as fundamental, none the less.

It is a primary symbol of Lebanese identity. If the presidency remains in Christian hands, then Lebanon will symbolically, if precariously, retain its multi-faith character, and the Christian community its influence; if it passes into pro-Syrian Muslim hands, the Christian community will see it as a fundamental threat.

Last month, when the Lebanese Parliament tried to elect a successor to President Amin Gemayel, road blocks and kidnappings prevented a quorum. Yesterday's session was

even less well attended, indicating that members have once more chosen to leave it to the backstairs power-brokers.

Lebanon in more peaceful days was held up as a model of the possibilities of friendly inter-communal power-sharing and constitutional checks and balances. The Christian community had the greatest stake in that settlement; for it was designed to ensure that Lebanon would never be a state in which the best they could hope for was tolerance.

Syria's view, shared by most if not all Lebanese Muslim groups, is that this constitutional arrangement is obsolete, most notably the Christian community's reservation of the presidency. But Syria's attempt to have a pro-Syrian Muslim, Mr Suleiman Franjeh, succeed as president seems to have failed.

If the obvious moderate compromise candidates, such as the Christian General Michel Aoun, commander of the official Lebanese Army, are not acceptable to the Syrians, it may be a sign that compromise itself is no longer acceptable, and that Syria wants to create a crisis and force Lebanon into a new constitutional shape that would help the long-term objective of "a greater Syria".

The immediate danger is of armed conflict between Christian militia forces and the Syrian Army, which could quickly find itself no longer merely peace-keeping but trying to enforce a constitutional settlement to its own liking. This is not a possibility that will take the Syrian leadership by surprise.

nurses' pay award and its very substantial impact on voluntary hospice finance. In the House of Commons on June 23, 1988, the then Minister of Health, Mr Anthony Newton, expressed the hope that health authorities would bear in mind the impact of the pay award when considering the financial support they would give to their hospices this year.

However, so far the response of most health authorities has been far from satisfactory. Most offer words of encouragement and sup-

port, but no hard cash, apparently in the belief that the voluntary sector can always provide.

Voluntary hospices want to play their part in caring for dying patients and their families. But they look to co-operation with health authorities and not exploitation by them.

Yours faithfully,  
PAUL ROSS, Secretary,  
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September 13.

## Thatcher's stance on EEC unity

From Mr H. R. Nord, MEP (Liberal, the Netherlands).  
Sir, In his famous speech in Zürich in 1946, Winston Churchill proclaimed that the time had come to start creating "a sort of United States of Europe". He added that the first step must be the Franco-German reconciliation, for "we British have our Commonwealth".

He was proved right; the European Community came into being and Britain remained outside for a time. The Community's success, and the impossibility for Britain to find an alternative role in a changed world, led to a historic turning in British policy and made the United Kingdom part of the process of European unification.

Now, 15 years later, a British Prime Minister tells us that we must forget about "a sort of United States of Europe" (report, September 21). Cooperation between totally sovereign and independent nation-states now appears to be the new wisdom. Thus, the ideological debate which we in mainland Europe went through in the 1950s and 1960s is being revived; the European super-state which some are accused of wanting to impose upon us will take away our nationhood and exercise a new dominance.

In Mrs Thatcher's own words at Bruges, "We Europeans cannot afford to waste our energies on internal disputes or arcane institutional debates". Why, then, start one now? There has never been a serious proposal for a super-state to replace our existing nations. Quite the reverse, by giving Europe the indispensable minimum of unity, we help to ensure the preservation of our national identities.

Our own nationhood will flourish better when we have shed the extreme manifestations of bureaucratic nationalism "sovereignty" which have become a major obstacle to our common prosperity and freedom.

The key to the Community's success has lain, and will continue to lie, in the definition of common objectives, complete with timetable, and the creation of institutions responsible for carrying them through.

This requires — again in Mrs Thatcher's own words — "free enterprise within a framework of law". And since free enterprise must operate at Community level, so must the rule of law. That is what the Council of Ministers, the Commission, the Parliament and the Court of Justice are about. Not an imaginary European super-

state, but the reality of our over-bureaucratised nation-states constituting the main danger to progress in present-day European society.

Yours etc.  
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September 21.

From Mr Edward N. Addison.  
Sir, Mrs Thatcher is only saying loudly, clearly and courageously what her counterparts in Europe know full well to be the truth but lack the guts to say themselves.

There is absolutely no doubt that the European businessman or woman will not change their chauvinistic attitudes on January 1, 1993.

As an exporter to and an importer from Europe I feel that I know the mentality of my European trading partners.

Europe perished.  
Yours faithfully,  
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Acton, W3.  
September 22.

## View from Brussels

From Mr Edward A. Rawes.  
Sir, Professor Kedourie ("Politics of the impossible", September 15) speaks of the "remote, impersonal, soulless bureaux of Brussels". Writing from one such, I am surprised to learn that, say, Leeds is remote, that bureaux can be personal and that the DHSS has, after all, a soul.

He recites a wearying catalogue of all the perfectly obvious difficulties in the way, it seems, of any approach to European unity. He does not go quite so far as Mr Powell, whose arguments would justify UDI for Wessex and the return of the capital to Winchester (with which I would have much sympathy). Indeed, he goes nowhere at all. He tells us nothing of what he thinks could be or should be, only of what he thinks cannot be.

It may comfort him, or again perhaps not, to learn that many years here do not blunt one's perceptions of national differences. In fact, one learns to know, understand and respect them all the more.  
Yours faithfully,  
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September 19.

## Dyslexic pupils

From Mrs Karin Thompson.  
Sir, Mr Michael Tatham (September 9) asks what we are to infer about the standard of the new GCSE English Literature exam and the lesser academic achievement of the vast majority of expensively educated children in the light of a B grade gained by a dyslexic boy with a reading age of 8½. The answer is nothing at all.

Dyslexia is not a bar to understanding, interpreting or commenting on literature. It only means that the pupil must be presented

with the literature by an alternative means to the reading he finds so hard and that he requires assistance with the reproduction of examination answers.

The pupil in question gained his B grade on the same terms as any other. His mark was a reflection of his ability in literature and has no bearing whatsoever on the marks gained by any other child in the country, dyslexic or no.

Yours faithfully,  
KARIN THOMPSON,  
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Sarnage,  
Romney Marsh, Kent.

## Rainy days

From Mr A. W. Murdoch.  
Sir, It may well be true that the world is getting warmer. It may even be true that there was, as one report told us, more sun than usual in August.

What is certainly true is that the weather over the last four years has got steadily worse for farmers and holidaymakers. In the 92 days for the months of June, July and August, the number of days on which rain fell in this part of Hampshire was as follows: 1983, 1984, 23; 1985, 45; 1986, 38; 1987, 49; 1988, 56.

It is also significant that there has not been a corresponding increase in the annual rainfall. What we seem to be seeing is more rainy days in the summer, with drier weather at some other times of the year to compensate for it. Obviously, anyone taking a summer holiday can make adjustments for it. The same is not true of haymaking and harvesting.

As I write, we have just had two inches of rain in the first two days of September, which is, in fact, more than we had in the whole of September in each of the last three years.

I remain, Sir, yours faithfully,  
ANDREW MURDOCH,  
Parsonage Farm,  
Hurstbourne Tarrant,  
Andover, Hampshire.  
September 5.

## Irrigation planning

From Mr Mary Tiffin.  
Sir, Ahmed Fazi (report, September 13) and Professor Roche (September 19) make valid criticisms of some types of irrigation planning. However, irrigation can be sustainable. It is necessary for the intensive agriculture maintained for hundreds of years in Java and China. In the Punjab the combination of public canals and private tubewells has enabled farmers to take advantage of new agricultural research, leading to self-sufficiency in food, and the growth of many new industrial and service centres.

These create new jobs which serve in some measure to relieve the pressure on the land. In Bangladesh recent research has shown irrigation to be the main factor enabling small farmers to raise their incomes through using high-yield varieties.

Even in Africa, where large-scale irrigation has been less

successful, there are enduring schemes, such as one in Zambia producing sugar and jobs since 1966.

Once-viable traditional systems may no longer be sustainable on upper watersheds, if population pressure has led to subdivision and smaller farms. The survival attempts by families who need nearby trees for fuel and fodder lead to the destruction of forests and the silting up of rivers and irrigation systems.

This problem needs research to see how far deforestation is the problem, and on methods of increasing the productivity of the local agricultural, livestock and tree cultivation system, so that people become less poor. It also needs the creation of new employment opportunities in areas where irrigation is safe, and in the industries and services associated with productive agriculture.

Each situation needs different treatment, but all need planning in partnership with local people who

know their own environment. Each environment then needs good management, on the part of both farmers and government services.

We help promote this at ODI (Overseas Development Institute) through four networks in irrigation management, agricultural research and extension (with a particular focus on farming in difficult environments), forestry, and livestock rearing. They bring together about 3,500 researchers, planners and managers around the world, who are all concerned for improved livelihoods in a safe environment.

Yours faithfully,  
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corner of a large school that he can consider his territory. He carries all his possessions around in a huge, heavy bag, thus giving another twist to Shakespeare's description of the schoolboy.

Comparing the situation to my own schooldays, when I hung my blazer on "my" peg before going to "my" desk which contained "my" books, I am not really surprised that many children are insecure, restless and without respect for other people's property.

Yours faithfully,  
J. E. APPLEBEY,  
1 Ridgway Place, SW19.  
September 13.

From Mrs J. E. Applebey.  
Sir, As a retired teacher I am no longer in the hurly-burly, but individual pupils who come to me for coaching sometimes give disturbing glimpses of what goes on in schools.

For example, I discovered yesterday from a 13-year-old who has just survived his first week in high school that he has neither peg nor locker for his clothes, he has no desk in which to keep his books, and his registration room is a laboratory to which he is let in when his form tutor arrives.

In other words, there is no

## Inviting citizens to play their part

From the Director of the Wales Council for Voluntary Action.

Sir, The Home Secretary's vision of Britain in the 1990s (report, September 19) is to be warmly commended on the very positive line it adopts with regard to what he calls active citizenship. The suggestion he makes that Civil Servants should be allowed time off to perform voluntary duties could be an important model for emulation by local authorities and other agencies.

Not only would such an arrangement benefit voluntary undertaking but I believe also the Government would benefit through Civil Servants acquiring a greater understanding of, and sensitivity for, the problems and difficulties of working outside an established framework.

Perhaps Mr Hurd could go further. It would be very helpful if he could encourage his ministerial colleagues in spending departments which relate to the main sectors of voluntary interest and activity to consider how the concept of the active citizen can be given central prominence in the programme and strategies for which they are responsible.

The trouble at the moment is that although voluntary organisation and citizen participation are often referred to in Government statements or consultative papers concerned with social policy issues, the references appear to be mainly of a gennetive character. The reality is that in most programmes the real intention still

seems to be the co-option of voluntary effort under professional and bureaucratic management and control.

Active citizenship means taking or joining in initiatives that are meant to benefit the community in which people live. People who take initiatives do so from a sense of personal responsibility for a local issue or concern and, taking responsibility, they naturally assume charge of the remedy to be applied to it also.

However, in practice, if they want to get Government support for what they do, that is the very thing which they have to surrender. They have to fit in, they have to do what the Government policy allows and refrain from other activities which in their good judgement they think may be necessary but which the Civil Servants with whom they deal regard as irrelevant.

If Mr Hurd's remarks are a signal of the Government's intention to promote active citizenship and to encourage responsible people to become involved locally, he and his colleagues will need to offer the same kind of services and financial incentives that they make available to the business sector.

Yours faithfully,  
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## Reply to the 364

From Mr George Scales.

Sir, The arguments put forward by the President of the Royal Economic Society and Professor Martin Weale ("Were the 364 wrong?", September 12) have assessed the pros and cons of their 1981 national economic predictions in much the same way that pre-Michael Fish weather forecasts often used to analyse their mistakes. "Last year 51 per cent of our predictions were correct". The statement itself was true, but had the weather forecasters said the exact opposite, they would only have been 2 per cent more wrong.

The first of the weather-type misconceptions that were made by the 364 is that, pre-Thatcher, the British workforce was operating at a factor of three: that is, that compared with our major competitors, we were employing three people where they were using only one. Therefore, in 1981 the true unemployment figure could easily have been in excess of six million.

## Scottish nationalism

From Mr G. S. Watt.

Sir, Your report of Mr Gordon Wilson's address to the Scottish National Party (September 17), in which he quoted statistics which suggest that, proportionately, more Scots than English were killed in the two world wars, makes depressing reading.

His view that Scotland must be saved from the economic ravages perpetrated upon it by the English in the shape of Mrs Thatcher and that devolution is the answer may be held by many people in Scotland, but it ill becomes a politician to insult the dead of so many countries who died in the two wars in order to promote his political ambitions. Thank goodness these brave men and women did not stop to count heads in doing their duty.

Perhaps your report in the same issue of *The Times* of the part played by Polish airmen in the Second World War — 2,000 killed out of 4,300 who joined the RAF — will bring some much needed humility to this insensitive politician.

Yours faithfully,  
G. S. WATT,  
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## Creeping like snail

From Mrs J. E. Applebey.

Sir, As a retired teacher I am no longer in the hurly-burly, but individual pupils who come to me for coaching sometimes give disturbing glimpses of what goes on in schools.

For example, I discovered yesterday from a 13-year-old who has just survived his first week in high school that he has neither peg nor locker for his clothes, he has no desk in which to keep his books, and his registration room is a laboratory to which he is let in when his form tutor arrives.

In other words, there is no

know their own environment. Each environment then needs good management, on the part of both farmers and government services.

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Yours faithfully,  
MARY TIFFEN,  
Overseas Development Institute,  
Regent's College,  
Inner Circle, Regent's Park, NW1.  
September 13.

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## Violence on TV

From Mr Michael Winner.

Sir, The article by Mr Jack Straw, MP (September 20), partly about me and partly about his quaint belief that *The A-Team* should be removed from television for the good of the nation, contained a great many errors of fact which disappointed me knowing the high standards of reporting you normally encourage.

The mistakes are, as they say in theatre programmes, "in order of appearance":  
1. Neither John Schlesinger nor I ever resigned from the Directors Guild of Great Britain. I have been, and am, its representative on censorship matters.  
2. It is sadly not true that my films are always completed under budget.  
3. It is not true that the subject matter of my films always follows current thinking as to what the audience wants.  
4. It is not true that all my films make an acceptable profit. I admit to having made some that showed a whooping loss, like most other people in the movie business!

Yours sincerely,  
MICHAEL WINNER,  
6-8 Sackville Street,  
Piccadilly, W1.  
September 21.

## Limited view

From Mr John Bate-Williams.

Sir, Mr Brightwell (September 21) is disappointed that many Olympic events take place, and are broadcast on television, during the night in this country. Since our British athletes are attempting to give of their best despite differences in time, climate, environment and diet, would it be too much for Mr Brightwell to flex his wrist muscles and set his alarm clock? Or would this lead to fatigue in the morning?

Yours faithfully,  
JOHN BATE-WILLIAMS,  
1 Temple Gardens,  
Temple, EC4.  
September 21.

## Glyndebourne grouse

From Mr Robin Howard.

Sir, In the event that Miss Stein (September 9) declines today's generous invitation by Mr Levin — as well she might for the dearest tickets at the Royal Opera House this year are 25 per cent more than those at Glyndebourne and she will presumably feel that much more guilty — perhaps he would care to extend his invitation to me instead?

Like him I am less handsome than Mr Robert Redford and could hardly run a mile in under half an hour. I would thus appear to be an appropriate recipient of his bounty. More to the point, I would suffer no pangs of conscience in sitting in the best seats.

Yours faithfully,  
ROBIN HOWARD,  
New Timbers, 8 Upheld,  
Croydon, Surrey.  
September 22.

## Hospice services

From the Secretary of Help the Hospices.

Sir, Your correspondents Dr Ahmedzi (September 3) and Dame Cicely Saunders (September 10) rightly urge the voluntary hospices to co-operate with their local health authorities. However, co-operation is a two-way process and regrettably the health authority response is not always so positive.

This is well observed in the current discussions about the











## THE ARTS

## TELEVISION

## Dream ticket

The American political process is a complex mystery to foreign observers and a source of profound despair to those who have to live with the regimes which it elects. *Tanner 88* (Channel 4) is a six-part satirical drama which will be screened as a counterpoint to the crisis of US election fever which will dominate the world's news bulletins this autumn.

Conceived by the film director Robert (M\*A\*S\*H) Altman and the cartoonist Garry (Doomsday) Trudeau, the series at least demonstrates that there is still room in the American television system for a programme which is genuinely innovative and highly critical of both the medium and the politicians who use it. A fictional candidate, clean-cut, sincere and very WASP, Jack Tanner from Michigan was created and sent out to campaign for the Democratic nomination alongside the real politician. Two video cameras recorded his progress. In the series a number of prominent politicians, including Senator Bob Dole and Senator Gary Hart, appear as themselves, accidentally giving it a feeling of instant history.

When a condensation of this opening episode received a restricted TV screening earlier, it was apparent that the Altman technique of overlapping conversations could succeed on the small screen. The characters' dialogue is acutely observed and densely written and so many funny asides pass in the background that the viewer ends up sitting on the edge of the chair desperate to miss nothing.

The programme's stance is both robustly witty and profoundly cynical. The leading figures in the Tanner campaign are his pollster ("key in your political philosophy now, please") and his video director, who shamelessly borrows footage from another politician's promotional films.

The candidate himself seems to be a cipher. He is good looking, pleasant and a master of meaningless eloquence. Unrealistically, he is also divorced, a teacher and devoted to his one, chronically ill, daughter. In real life, such a well-rounded human being would have fallen at Washington's first fence.

Celia Brayfield

Paul Griffiths finds more questions than answers in a Sir Michael Tippett opera from the 1950s

## Worlds dancing apart

## OPERA

## The Midsummer Marriage

Royal, Glasgow

Tippett's great operatic ceremony leaves all of us in the condition of the hero at the end of the first act of *Parsifal*: aware that something important has been going on, but none too sure quite what it was. There are perhaps two essential problems here. One is that the piece is so open about itself as to arouse suspicion, the other that the famous awkwardness and undigested allusiveness of the libretto is not at all reflected in the supremely confident music.

Very possibly there is a link in that the libretto tells one story, with such deliberateness that aesthetic integrity is sacrificed to the assembling of images, while the music bounds on with a sure but secret tale of its own, giving one this sense that the most fundamental meanings have not been plucked by the schematic play of metaphors on the surface. The crucial revelation of this beyond-words depth in the music lies, of course, in the weight of the ballet episodes, for which it is hard to think of any parallel outside the later Stockhausen: cutting the dances would leave a terribly short second act.

In Tim Albery's production, first seen in Leeds three years ago and now arriving to open Scottish Opera's season, the importance and otherness of the dancers is emphasized. Dressed in white, against the colourful costumes of the singers, they plausibly belong to an older and more seeing world: there are hints of the gypsy in their behaviour, even before the beautifully apt wedding dance, over the St John's Fire that has lit up in a bright white strip down the stage; their movements, in Ian Spink's choreography for his Second Stride company, are stern and driven. They are also kept on stage for more than their dances: a solemn, even menacing presence, silently asking more questions



Bright and determined pair: Quade Winter as Mark and Marie Slorach as Jenifer, the betrothed couple

than the chorus in all their singing. While the dancers are thus thrust towards the wisdom and strangeness of eternity, the singers are firmly made temporal. As in the Coliseum production, the costumes (by Tom Cairns and Antony McDonald) belong to the period of the work's first production, a couple of years after the Coronation. This provides a cue for the New Elizabethan quality of the madrigal choruses, and makes it possible for Albery, in his

striking use of choral grouping and gesture, to bring about a Stanley Spencerish sense of a myth being resurrected in the everyday.

The fact of its being very much an artificial myth is perhaps answered in the artificiality of the set. When the chorus go to hide in the trees, they take their places in rows of cinema seats at the right edge. The Ancients step out from a panel of plastic sky, and the stage is severely divided into two rectangular areas, one of greensward,

the other of roadway, with a half-buried car, through the roof of which Mark and Jenifer disappear into the womb of regeneration.

This is one image which seems a rather unnecessary addition to a work already so loaded with symbols: it also becomes worrying when everybody keeps referring to "gates". Similarly, the presentation of the Ancients as modern Chinese peasants, though given some foundation by Yeats's "Lapis Lazuli", is not warranted by

the opera, which is surely so English in its spiritual world. These are adventurous things, like the final unveiling of illusion, to leave us with two children playing in the suburbs while Madame Sosostris waters her lawn. It is just too easy to answer the chorus's question by saying that yes, it has all been a dream: much more useful is Albery's intimation of two interpenetrating spheres, the mythic and the momentary, and his deployment of such potent stage images as Jenifer's magnified staircase, which remakes her as a child.

Casting rather intensifies the greater vividness of the mechanicals that is present in the opera (as indeed it is in the Shakespeare and Mozart models). Bella is the only character who has an imaginable existence beyond the confines of the work, and she is nicely portrayed as the proud and proper secretary by Patricia O'Neill: this is, too, a winning vocal performance. Bonaventura Bottomone takes every opportunity for lyrical abundance as patient Jack (one wishes for him the part had more Pedrillo-style wit), and Neil Howlett proves that King Fisher can be both commanding and creamy-toned: his is a beautiful performance which might be even more effective if the vocal allure could be made the reflection of a personal charm to add to the man's vigour and impatience.

As Mark, Quade Winter makes his British debut, and displays a bright voice which may well sound more easy and open when he has learned the measure of the theatre; no doubt, too, he will settle more comfortably into the role's colouratura. Marie Slorach as Jenifer also has difficulties with careless rapture, but she gives us the young woman's determination. Penelope Walker acts an amusing Eliotian Madame Sosostris, sipping tea between phrases in her aria, and David Marsh is well composed as the He-Ancient.

The chorus, though confident in movement, are less happy with the rhythmic and high-register demands of the music. The orchestra too have problems, by no means all of them caused by the exuberant variety of tempos exacted by the conductor, John Pryce-Jones.

## CONCERTS

## Safely steered

RPO/Frémaux  
Festival Hall

With Antal Dorati pulling out of three Festival Hall concerts because of illness, the start of the new season has not exactly been an ode to joy for the Royal Philharmonic. But at least last night's performance of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony was fielded by a safe pair of hands: the French conductor Louis Frémaux, who has made only occasional trips to Britain in the decade since his CBSO appointment ended.

Frémaux's view of the Ninth is almost the exact opposite of that presented at the Proms last Friday by Roger Norrington. Not only does the Frenchman follow mainstream performing traditions (an Adagio at barely more than half Norrington's pace; a Scherzo that galloped along), he also aims for more lyrical, less violently accented phrasing. In any case, the modern symphony orchestra does veer towards more blended Beethoven textures than period instruments, though the RPO's approach to the first movement's big climaxes certainly did not lack bite.

Until the finale, however, there was a notable coolness about the proceedings. Even the violins' slow-movement decorations had sounded perfunctory, and there were hints again of the slightly slack ensemble which earlier unsettled a weighty performance of Mozart's "Jupiter" Symphony.

In the Beethoven, though, John Tomlinson was on hand; his majestic bass entry clouded the finale into almost a swashbuckling mood, and the Brighton Festival Chorus subsequently gave us some memorably full-throated moments. The other soloists — Edith Wiens, Della Jones and Robert Tear — also made presentable contributions.

Richard Morrison

## Vigorous veteran

City of London  
Sinfonia/Clebury  
Queen Elizabeth Hall

It's easy for a non-violinist to forget how difficult the Beethoven Violin Concerto is, although it still worries experienced soloists. To tackle it at the age of 70 requires considerable pluck, but Ruggiero Ricci's performance showed plenty of that. His intonation and bow control might have been more secure in earlier years, but I doubt that he could have played the work with more spirit.

Ricci and conductor Nicholas Clebury (replacing an indisposed Richard Hickox) risked a fairly brisk tempo in the first movement, with invigorating results. Full marks to Ricci for taking the long, mysterious lead-back to the first movement recapitulation as near to the main tempo as I have heard it, a welcome change from the customary portentous plod.

One disappointment: Ricci chose a widely modulating cadenza for the finale, impressive in itself but anticipating, and rendering meaningless, the sudden departure from the home key on the return of the orchestra. Otherwise, a vital and impressively conceived performance.

It is a pity Ricci followed the concerto (after the interval) with the F major *Romance*: by now the strain was beginning to tell, with tone occasionally harsh and intonation more precarious.

Less familiar items made up the rest of the programme: an empty cheery overture by Kreutzer (the dedicatee of Beethoven's Kreutzer Sonata), and a much more interesting, if somewhat loose-limbed, symphony by Cherubini. Fine playing by the City of London Sinfonia here, making the most of Cherubini's sporadic but undeniable moments of inspiration.

Stephen Johnson

Candida  
Boulevard Theatre

The reputation of this play is greater than its merit; nevertheless it deserves better treatment than the mauling it receives in Rob Kennedy's production, where a kitchenish Julia Foster wiggles her hips at her naughty menfolk, and speeches are trimmed to let us out again under the video stores of Soho in under two hours.

That almost leaves time to take in a proper sex show, in the other half of the building — the Raymond Revuebar — where Lola and Thelma could not play the temptress more openly than does Candida in front of the ardent Marchbanks.

"His blood beginning to stir," says Shaw's stage-direction. We all know what that means, and possibly even GBS was acquainted with the symptoms.

The direction shows some restraint in permitting Richard Gibson to remain picturesquely motionless, the back of his fair head resting on Foster's lap. Only his voice trembles at the possibility of love at last.

Kennedy, however, fails to restrain his leading actress from playing the role as though she were a foreign au pair, Swedish perhaps, roughly ogling her windbag

preacher of a husband and her windbag poet of a calf-lover.

"Whaddya bid?" she asks them, as if offering aquavit in a Minnesota saloon, when the play needs her to be ironic — yes, ironic, since she is forcing the two rivals to look into their hearts while still keeping her own heart withheld. But comic turns have absolutely no place here.

The humorous deflations are managed pleasantly enough; and when Marchbanks chatters tactlessly on about the secret love Morell's spinster secretary (Su Douglas) must surely nurse within her, the pair of them make the scene at once absurd and touching.

Gibson still has something of his *Allo Allo* television comedy role, Herr Flick, in his famous gimlet stare, the upright carriage and upraised chin, but these poses are not foreign to a soppy poet.

Peter Pacey's Morell, though he has the royal knack of speaking while keeping his lips rigid, gets something of the complacent victor's puzzlement across to us. But all the principals perform as if at a lighting rehearsal, saving their voices for the proper time later on.

Talking of which, the 11 lights above the low stage, scarcely a couple of feet above the actors, cause heads to eclipse one another as if the play were being staged incompetently in a village hall. A poor show.

J.K.

## THEATRE

## Lost gem has been restored

Rutherford and Son  
New End

Here is a corker of a play: assured, well-made, allowing all its troubled characters their say, and sparkling with dramatic reversals. Written by a woman, too — a sexist comment but pertinent here, since the play was first performed in 1912, when women were expected to know nothing about industry (glass making in Yorkshire) or fornication (factory owner's daughter with workman) and certainly did not write plays about them.

The programme gives the author's name as Githa Sowerby. Elsewhere I have tracked down a reference to Katherine G. Sowerby, and when her play was produced at the Court Theatre she sheltered behind initials: K.G.



Pinched daughter, pernicious paterfamilias: Ruth Mitchell and Ewan Hooper in one of their confrontations

Sowerby. However, my predecessor on this page at that time was aware of her sex and ended his enthusiastic review hoping she will "find encouragement in her success to give us something more, and the sooner the better".

She never did. Apparently she lived another 40 years. Why she stayed silent I do not know, though I hope to find out, because hers is a unique voice, unmistakably of its age, yet dissecting the plight of a Yorkshire tyrant's daughter and daughter-in-law with a piercing candour entirely her own.

The Southern Lights company has been able to trace only one other professional revival in half a century. Baffling. Actors, designer (Penny Brown) and director (Win Jones) have done their forgotten author proud. The lighting cues need attention, but the pacing of the great confrontation scenes is marvellously judged.

These are all essentially duologues and Ewan Hooper's iron-

hearted paterfamilias is the protagonist in most of them, ridiculing the pretensions of his two enfeebled sons and the pinched daughter (Ruth Mitchell) whose happiness he has stolen and sacrificed to the greater good of the family firm.

The elder son (Ian Reddington), evicted by hate, draws the apt comparison with Moloch destroying his worshippers but it is left to the despised London daughter-in-law (Amanda Drewry), mother of the only third generation Rutherford, to strike the coldest of bargains with the monster and bring the play to its perfect and ironic end. Grand performances by the above named.

Jeremy Kingston

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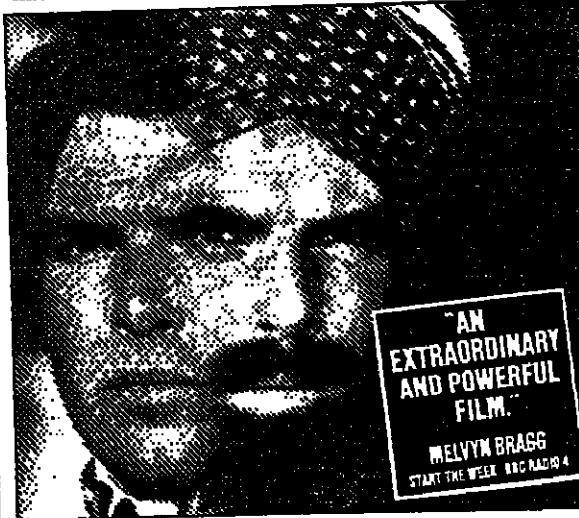
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## TELEVISION AND RADIO

Compiled by Peter Dear  
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## Hoping for the best

TELEVISION  
CHOICE

After two substantial television documentaries this year attacking the British Prime Minister's role in the 1938 Munich crisis, God Bless Mr Chamberlain (BBC2, 9.25pm) mounts at least a partial defence. Denys Blakeway's film approaches Munich through the wider context of Neville Chamberlain's political career and suggests that he was not the weak and ineffectual statesman so often portrayed but strong, shrewd and far-sighted with a sure grasp of political realities. Had it not been for Munich, he would have been remembered as a notable Minister of Health; it was the job, according to his daughter, that he liked best. As Chancellor in the early 1930s he cut taxes, balanced the budget and launched Britain on its biggest peacetime rearmament programme. But dealing with Hitler was something else again. Chamberlain thoroughly disliked the man but he still thought they could do business. The programme ignores the charge that Chamberlain's policy added up to a shameful betrayal of the brave young democracy of Czechoslovakia. It argues that his policy was based throughout on the art of the possible. As early as May 1938 Chamberlain was prepared to let Hitler annex the Sudetenland, and said so on the record to American journalists. As autumn, and the threat of war approached, the trick was to present this concession as a skilled diplomatic move. He judged that the British were in no mood to fight over "a quarrel in a far away country between people of whom we know nothing" and the French, who, unlike Britain, were bound by treaty to support Czechoslovakia, even less so. The



Neville Chamberlain returned from talks with Adolf Hitler convinced they had a permanent settlement (BBC2, 9.25pm)

programme contends, not implausibly, that averting war in 1938 was something of a triumph for Chamberlain. His mistake, which has given ammunition to his critics ever since, was to confuse a temporary breathing space with an enduring settlement. First, he got Hitler to sign a worthless piece of paper and then brandished this at Heston Airport on his return. Secondly, he was persuaded to go to an upstairs window in

Peter Waymark

## Not a winning streak

RADIO  
CHOICE

If I were to take the BBC to task for transmitting Famous for 15 Minutes (Radio 4, 9.45am), I should expect you to do the same to me for writing about it. But this does not stop me thinking that this is the most readily expendable programme of the week, possibly the year. Struggling to find a category in which to put this interview with Erika Roe, the Twickenham "streaker", I can offer only "phenomena, trivial". Even this is probably over-rating it. Fame, as Miss Roe calls it, came to her when she shed her T-shirt at an England v Australia rugby match six years ago. Even now, she does not know why she did it. The best she can do is talk about young girls who dream of becoming ballerinas. The relevance of this to her case escapes me. Her strong point must be what we could kindly call her naivety because



Erika Roe achieved her fame through naivety (R4, 9.45am)

she did not think the cameras would be there to record the airing of her 40th inch bust. She subsequently posed in French knickers and corsets ("I hated every minute of it") because she thought she would be breaking her contract with a modelling agency if she refused. She had no singing voice, yet was talked into making a record. She is now a

single mother, living on her memories and off the state. To her credit, she admits she is not particularly proud of having entered the folklore of the English language. I should think that "Doing an Erika", spoken with a snigger by bar-stool wags, is a phrase with a lot of mileage left in it.

Peter Davalle

Wilko's Weekly (Radio 4, 4.05pm) returns with a profile of Eddie Shah's *Warrington Guardian* circulating in a town that was split with a W until local vodka distillers replaced it (on TV) with a V. The paper itself boasts another kind of spirit — the ghost of a headless woman.

Peter Davalle

In yesterday's *Radio Choice* the picture published was not of the noted conservationist, the Earl of Cranbrook, but of his cousin, Jonathan Gathorne-Hardy.

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- 2.20 Olympic Grandstand and racing. Highlights from Seoul including tennis; and the 2.30, 3.05, 3.40 and 4.15 races from Ascot. Includes news and weather at 2.55 and 3.50.
- 4.30 Living on the Land: a portrait of John James, a sheepdog trainer (r). 5.00 The Strange Affair of... Britain's life lines (r).
- 5.30 In the Footsteps of Bonnie Prince Charlie (r). (Ceefax)

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- 6.00 TV-am begins with News and Morning Programme, introduced by Mike Morley.
- 7.00 News followed by Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. After News with Jeremy Ising, includes news and Russell Grant's forecasts for the weekend.
- 9.25 Thames news and weather. 9.30 News. Travel and general knowledge quiz. 10.00 Rainbow. Learning with puppets (r). 10.20 News headlines. 10.25 Thames news and weather.
- 10.30 Mr & Mrs. Husband and wife quiz game.
- 11.00 Olympics 1988 introduced by Dickie Davies and Hazel Irvine. Includes news and weather. 11.05 News. Travel and general knowledge quiz. 12.00 News. Travel and general knowledge quiz. 12.05 News. Travel and general knowledge quiz. 12.10 News. Travel and general knowledge quiz. 12.15 News. Travel and general knowledge quiz. 12.20 News. Travel and general knowledge quiz. 12.25 News. Travel and general knowledge quiz. 12.30 News. Travel and general knowledge quiz. 12.35 News. Travel and general knowledge quiz. 12.40 News. Travel and general knowledge quiz. 12.45 News. Travel and general knowledge quiz. 12.50 News. Travel and general knowledge quiz. 12.55 News. Travel and general knowledge quiz. 1.00 News. Travel and general knowledge quiz. 1.05 News. Travel and general knowledge quiz. 1.10 News. Travel and general knowledge quiz. 1.15 News. Travel and general knowledge quiz. 1.20 News. Travel and general knowledge quiz. 1.25 News. Travel and general knowledge quiz. 1.30 News. 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MARKETS	THE POUND
FT 30 Share 1440.7 (-3.1)	US dollar 1.5575 (-0.0075)
FT-SE 100 1788.7 (-8.1)	W German mark 3.1324 (-0.0074)
USM (Datastream) 160.33 (same)	Trade-weighted 75.1 (-0.2)



Executive Editor  
David Brewerton

## Tax loss at BS cut by £1.7bn

The Government yesterday announced a £1.69 billion cut in the tax losses British Steel will carry on its books as it moves to lower the price the steelmaker will command when it is privatized later this year.

The BS share price has yet to be set but market forecasts have been confidently predicting that the issue would raise over £2 billion.

The details of BS's future capital structure published by Lord Young of Grahame, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, have, meanwhile, lowered market expectations, possibly to as low as £1.5 billion according to one City analyst.

BS will retain only £171 million of the old state corporation's £1.87 billion accumulated losses, and will introduce no new debt in its balance sheet, Lord Young said. The company will be raising no new capital when its shares go on sale.

## French choice

Maxwell Communication Corporation, the publishing company headed by Mr Robert Maxwell, has appointed M Jean-Pierre Anselmini as deputy chairman and a full-time executive director from the end of October. M Anselmini is a director of Crédit Lyonnais, the French financial group.

## STOCK MARKETS

New York	Dow Jones	2080.37 (-10.13)
Tokyo	Nikkei Average	27428.31 (-284.35)
Hong Kong	Hang Seng	2455.84 (+23.84)
Amsterdam	Gen	270.7 (-0.2)
Sydney	AO	1541.6 (-1.3)
Frankfurt	Commerzbank	1587.3 (-8.1)
Brussels	General	6257.5 (-57.6)
Paris	CAC	3718 (+5.0)
Zurich	SKA Gen	n/a
London	FT-30	1440.7 (-3.58)
FT-100		1788.7 (-8.1)
FT Gold Mines		162.7 (-2.5)
FT Fixed Interest		96.00 (same)
FT Govt Secs		86.97 (-0.04)

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## MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RBS	53p (+115p)
Local London	188p (+100p)
Norfolk	37p (+24p)
Capital Radio	415p (+100p)
Gresham House	323p (+100p)
Abbey Life	130p (+100p)
Britannic	451p (+120p)
Refuge	373p (+100p)
Hall Engineering	750p (+110p)
Pearson	130p (+100p)
Freemantle Higgs	483p (+160p)
Reiters	188p (+110p)
Vickers	257p (+120p)
Strong & Fisher	475p (+24p)

## INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	12%
3-month interbank	12 1/2-12 3/4%
3-month eligible bills	11 3/4-11 1/2%
Buying rate	
90-day Prime Rate	10%
Federal Funds 8 1/2%	
3-month Treasury Bills	7 1/2-7 3/4%
30-year bonds	10 1/2-10 3/4%

## CURRENCIES

London	New York
£: \$1.5575	£: \$1.5575
DM: 3.1324	DM: 3.1324
Swf: 2.0371	Swf: 2.0371
Yen: 160.33	Yen: 160.33
Index: 75.1	Index: 75.1
ECU 20.56984	SDR 20.77086

## GOLD

London Fixing	AM \$399.50 pm \$397.75
Close \$397.00-397.50	(\$238.25-238.75)
New York	Comex \$398.90-399.40

## NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Nov) pm \$13.55bbl (\$13.60)  
Denotes latest trading price

## THE TIMES STOCK WATCH

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Market news on Stock-watch yesterday included:

- Sun Life (02082) fell 70p as bid hopes faded, but Abbey Life (01332) gained 11p on revived speculative demand.
- Among leisure stocks Capital Radio (03206), boosted by growth prospects, gained 25p while Prestwich Holdings (01184) added 19p on hopes of a management buyout.
- Calls charged 5p for 8 seconds peak, 12 seconds off peak inc. VAT.

# Investigators will seek co-operation of markets across the world

## Hunt for ConsGold insiders

By Colin Campbell

A world-wide hunt for alleged insider traders who dealt heavily in shares and options of Consolidated Gold Fields before Wednesday's formal £2.9 billion bid by Minorco, netting millions of pounds of illegal profits, is under way.

Examination of trading orders in the shares and options of the British-based mining finance house, from which ever market they originated, will be undertaken in pursuit of what is described as the most blatant case of a leak yet seen on the London stock market.

Investigations will cover the South African and London markets and, if necessary, the Caribbean and Europe.

If insider dealings are found to have been carried out by parties outside the jurisdiction of the London Stock Exchange or British

authorities, then the help of the relevant local authorities in centres where the orders originated will be sought.

Mr Douglas Gair, general manager of the Johannesburg Stock Exchange, said Johannesburg would co-operate if requested. Insider dealing is a criminal offence in South Africa, though there has yet to be a prosecution.

"There is a special and close relationship between Johannesburg and London and we will give what assistance we can," Mr Gair said.

The Times has established that London Stock Exchange officials had, of their own volition, decided to institute an inquiry into the share and option activity in ConsGold by 7.45am on Wednesday - 15 minutes before the formal Minorco announcement that it was to bid for the 71 per cent of ConsGold it did not own.

Mr Julian Ogilvie Thompson told ConsGold's chairman Mr Rudolph Agnew of the formal Minorco statement only three minutes before it was released.

Yet heavy trading in shares and options for some time before the

The Stock Exchange's own decision to investigate ConsGold shares and option dealing prompted by nearly four hours the formal request by the Luxembourg-based Minorco.

Sir Michael Edwards, now

of what they say was such a blatant case of a leak. While the gold price went down, ConsGold shares went up, and speculation was rife not only that Minorco was going to bid, but even to the precise detail of the timing and the day.

The level of activity in ConsGold shares and particularly in the October 1100p series options clearly signalled that something was about to happen.

ConsGold shares, which stood at 865p in April, had been progressively stronger in recent weeks, and 24 hours ahead of Wednesday rose by 16p on the day to touch £10.91.

On news of Minorco's bid valuing each ConsGold share at 1306p, ConsGold shares jumped to £14 each for a 322p jump on the day.

Minorco has said it had spoken to nobody about its intended bid.

Even though its formal announcement outlined plans to sell off ConsGold's South African

interests, notably the remaining 38 per cent in Gold Fields of South Africa to the Rembrandt group, no talks had been held with Rembrandt, it said.

Dealings on the Johannesburg stock exchange are also said to be under examination.

Meanwhile, a further twist in the saga came with market suggestions that investment "friends" close to Minorco and the Anglo American-De Beers empire could have sufficient holdings to give Minorco control.

Minorco already holds 28.94 per cent of ConsGold, acquired in 1981, and suggested recent buying by other South African connected parties could give Minorco an effective 50 per cent vote.

Rembrandt, a powerful Afrikaner group, is the owner of 10 per cent of GFS.

One investment scenario is that Rembrandt is already a 4.9 per cent holder of ConsGold.

## BP in £300m move to sell oilfield stake

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

BP has put up the "for sale" sign over 20 per cent of its North Sea Magnus oilfield - officially inaugurated by Mrs Thatcher in 1983 - in a move which could raise £300 million.

Although the sale has attracted the interest of 40 international oil companies, only five or six - possibly including foreign companies - will be allocated stakes.

The sale is regarded as yet another move by BP to take advantage of the North Sea tax regime.

BP will use the proceeds to pay off some of its debt, while the buyers will be able to offset the income from their stake in one of the North Sea's largest producing fields against any spending on exploration they incur on other blocks in the British sector of the North Sea.

Among the names suggested as possible buyers last night were Repsol, the Spanish state oil company, and Deminor of West Germany. Another company expected to make a bid so that it can use the tax advantages of having a mature North Sea producing asset could be Arco Energy of Ireland.

The sale, which should be completed, with Government approval, by January 3 next year, will also involve bidders



Towards a safer underground: APV's Sir Ronald McIntosh and the new King's Cross escalators (Photograph: Alan Weller)

## Escalator work boosts APV to £21m

By John Bell, City Editor

APV, the process plant group, is hoping for a further boost to its business when the report into the King's Cross fire disaster is published. The report is expected to go to Mr Paul Channon, the Secretary of State for Transport, in about a month.

APV has worked closely with London Transport on the design and specification of

three escalators to replace the ones burned out in the disaster, and has won a £4 million contract for their installation and some associated refurbishment work.

"The escalators incorporate every conceivable development in fire prevention technology," said Sir Ronald McIntosh, APV chairman.

place the wooden escalators throughout the London underground system.

APV reported profits of £21 million for the half-year to end June, a 30 per cent rise over the same period of 1987. Sales rose by 26 per cent, to £374 million, and shareholders will receive an interim dividend 12.5 per cent higher at 1.8p.

The latest figures are boosted by the inclusion of a full six-month contribution from Baker Perkins. But the profits indicated a satisfactory trend in the group's performance, Sir Ronald said.

Earnings per share rose by only 9 per cent, to 4.8p, reflecting a 25 per cent rise in the number of shares in issue compared with the first half of 1987. Market conditions are expected to remain favourable during the second half-year, Sir Ronald added.

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## Gold price slump postpones sale

By Our Energy Correspondent

The collapse in the world gold price - it dropped almost \$3 yesterday to under \$400 (£239) - has forced BP to postpone its plans to sell off a 15 per cent stake in its subsidiary BP Gold.

The sale is part of BP's overall debt-reducing strategy and is being handled by its BP Minerals America subsidiary which operates gold mines in the US and Canada and has prospects in Papua New Guinea.

The sale, which was postponed before because of last October's stock market collapse, had been expected later this year, although no formal date had been fixed. It will be relaunched when the world gold price shows signs of long-term recovery.

The BP gold assets could be worth as much as \$2 billion with the stake on offer valued

## Octopus acquires half of Book Club

By Rodney Hobson

Octopus Publishing Group, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Reed International, has bought the half share in Book Club Associates that was formerly owned by WH Smith.

The £52 million deal is conditional on there being no referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission and the chairmanship will alternate annually between the two partners.

Book Club was owned 50-50 by WH Smith and Doubleday and Co. a subsidiary of Bertelsmann. An attempt by Smith to sell out to Bertelsmann for £69 million last year was scuppered by the MMC. A restructured deal, this time for £60 million, went through in August. Bertelsmann undertook at that time to find another buyer. Book Club produced audited pre-tax profits of £8.77 million in the

13 months to May. Octopus imprints include Heinemann, Hamlyn, Secker & Warburg and Methuen. It plans to launch a main paperback imprint next spring.

Mr Paul Hamlyn, the chairman, will take over as Book Club chairman for one year and the chairmanship will alternate annually between the two partners.

Mr Ian Irvine, Octopus chief executive, said: "Book clubs are an important part of our strategic plan. We will be looking to bring the benefits of book club membership to an even wider population."

Octopus regards book clubs as "an intrinsic part of the book publishing industry."

Book Club claims to run the largest and most successful group of book clubs in Britain, including the Literary Guild, and World Books.

## Falconer, the small investor's champion, leads attack

## Rover holder's bark worse than bite

By Wolfgang Münchau

The small shareholder's most menacing weapon may not be his vote but his voice, and the louder that voice, the better. This was observed again at yesterday's extraordinary meeting of Rover Group, recently sold to British Aerospace by the Government, at which the remaining private shareholders were asked to approve a £1 per share offer by BAE.

Approval was clear from the outset. However, a minority of the 100 or so shareholders at the Queen Elizabeth Conference Centre, in London, used the occasion to launch a strong attack on Rover's management and Mr Graham Day, group chairman, in particular, some of which is not printable.

To achieve a sense of proportion it should be noted that small investors account for about 0.2 per cent of the company's share capital. Of those 0.2 per

cent, a mere 2 per cent yesterday refused the BAE offer. That represents 0.004 of all shareholders. Their leader is Mr Noel Falconer, the self-proclaimed small shareholders' champion and president of BLISS, the British Leyland Individual Shareholders Association.

In a clear reference to Mr Day's appointment as a main board director of BAE, he told the meeting: "Men who failed at the top of British Motor Holdings (which merged with Leyland Motors some 20 years ago) acquired high office in BL." He then went on to criticize Mr Day's business record, his £4,000 a week salary, and ended by painting a scenario of doom and gloom.

"Rover will not recover fully until it can die," he said. "And this link-up with BAE removes that possibility. It may confidently be predicted that it will linger in limbo, with its share of the UK market declining towards a single-figure

percentage, improving slowly as its competitors improve fast, contaminating all it touches. At whatever price, it is no bargain."

Some angry shareholders recalled a £1 per share offer made by the government back in 1975. Today, 13 years and some 200 per cent inflation later, the shares are back to square one. Given the track record of Rover's shares, the name BLISS, may have been ill chosen, according to one shareholder.

What then of the future of BLISS, which with the full integration of the company into BAE and no individual shareholders left may have lost some of its purpose?

Mr Falconer, ever the small investor's champion, is determined to keep going. He said he may launch Campaign for Shareholder Democracy. It remains to be seen whether this is finally a case of BLISS turning into CASH.

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## BUSINESS ROUNDUP

## Hornby pulls ahead 13% at halfway stage

Hornby Group, known to generations of children for its model trains, reported halfway profits up by 13 per cent. The pre-tax figure for the six months to the end of June was £546,000, compared with £483,000 last time.

Mr Jack Strouger, the chairman, said that the first-half figures were not a good guide to the full year, given the surge in sales at Christmas. However, the strong demand for the group's traditional products experienced last year had continued. Mr Strouger expected a "satisfactory result for the year." There is no half-time dividend.

## Japanese buy for Astra

Astra, the Swedish pharmaceutical group, has acquired Hoei Pharmaceutical Company of Japan, through its Japanese associate company, Fujisawa-Astra. The purchase price was mentioned but Astra said it was insignificant relative to its own size. Hoei sales for the current financial year are estimated at ¥6.8 billion (£29.4 million).

## Loss deepens at Multitone

Multitone Electronics is maintaining its 0.1p final dividend despite an increased pre-tax loss of £746,000 for the 12 months to March 31 compared with £436,000 a year earlier. The loss before tax was blamed mainly on difficulties experienced in North American operations, which incurred a combined pre-tax loss of £770,000.

## Baltic rises to £5.4m

Baltic, the financial services company, has reported a strong increase in interim pre-tax profits for the six months to June 30, from £3.2 million to £5.4 million. The company said that its asset finance activities continued to grow and its neutral interest rate exposure meant that it would not be substantially affected by the rise in interest rates. The results include the sale of developments in London's Docklands, with further sales to come this year. Baltic is also involved in financing other property developments around the country. The interim dividend rises from 1.2p to 1.44p, with the fully diluted earnings per share up to 8.3p from 6.9p. The fully diluted earnings and development activities were also growing well, said the company.

## Court rules in favour of bank's favour

Mr Fred Lee, the Hong Kong businessman facing insider dealing charges in New York, has failed to force Standard Chartered Bank to release \$12.5 million (£7.5 million). The Hong Kong High Court ruled it did not have to release the money which he deposited in Hong Kong, where insider dealing is not an offence, and then transferred to New York.

## Food group at Ir£2.57m

Food Industries, the Irish group, is lifting its interim dividend from 1.1p a share to 1.3p after a massive rise in profits, from Ir£92,000 (£77,500) to Ir£2.57 million, in the first half of 1988. Group turnover was Ir£49.98 million, against Ir£42.02 million. The company said it was pleased with the progress of its cost-reduction programme.

## Connells soars 50%

Connells Estate Agents raised pre-tax profits by 50 per cent to £4.9 million, in the first half of this year. But Mr John Simons, the chairman, says that higher interest rates "have produced the first signs of moderation of activity and of price increases." Even so, he is expecting the residential division to do well. "The market is underpinned by the trends of increasing home ownership and the company has eminent and acknowledged strengths in its chosen sectors, so that in the second half we expect to produce results no less good than those presently reported," he says. Earnings per share were up 43 per cent in the first half, to 16.1p, and the board is paying an interim dividend of 3p, up from 2.5p last time.

## LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

First Dealings September 12  
Last Dealings September 23  
Last Declaration December 19  
For Settlement December 19  
Call options were taken out on 22/9/88 GEC, Lloyds, Norex, Mountleigh, Pegasus, Trusthouse Forte, Blacks Leisure, Sears, Scottish & Newcastle, Retail, Premier Consolidated Offices, Mineral Communications, Edge Trust, Ashley Industrial Trust, Reproprint, Norfolk Capital, Hanson, Polly Peck, P&S, Sears.  
Put & Call Premier Consolidated Offices.

## APV shake-up promises strength

The more you look at APV's half-time figures the less you find. An apparently buoyant 30 per cent rise in pre-tax profits is whittled down to a mere 9 per cent gain at the earnings per share level.

At first glance this is hardly stuff to warm the hearts of those loyal shareholders who helped APV beat off the takeover challenge from Siebe in 1986. But, despite appearances, the underlying performance is strong and the published figures mask the effects of a wide-ranging rationalization of the group that should soon pay off handsomely.

The strong pre-tax rise occurs because the two half-years were not comparable. The first six months of 1987 included only a part contribution from Baker Perkins and the Danish acquisition Pasilac was not included at all. Meanwhile, the reorganization put in train by Mr Fred Smith, APV's tough chief executive, might have disrupted lesser companies for years.

The heat exchanger plant at Crawley has been moved to North Carolina, where Baker Perkins boasted an attractive site. The move went smoothly.

Pasilac, a former subsidiary of the Danish Sugar Corporation, was a problem child when it was acquired. But already, APV says that Pasilac's business in the liquid foods sector has been turned into profits.

A year ago there were some

57 factories. Today there are about 40. The gearing of close on 90 per cent post the two acquisitions has been whittled down substantially. The 27-acre site being vacated at Crawley, plus a 5-acre sports ground, should cost comfortably in excess of £30 million which will pay for all of the rationalization costs and reduce borrowings further. By the year-end the ratio of net debt to shareholders' funds looks likely to be below 50 per cent.

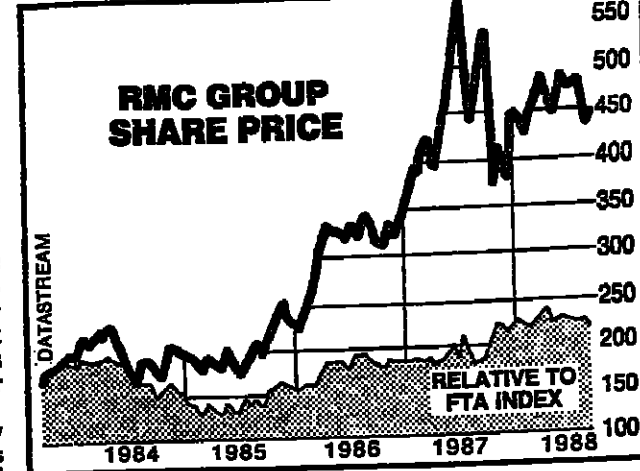
Through the three-way merger with Baker Perkins and Pasilac, APV has turned itself into the largest process plant supplier to world food and beverage markets.

The second six months should see the back of the reorganization and an increasing contribution from Pasilac. Full year's profits of about £50 million look probable, putting the shares on a prospective p/e ratio of about 11. This is well up with events but contains no premium for the impressive long-term prospects.

## RMC

RMC's shares jumped 15p on Wednesday as a reaction to the bid for Consolidated Gold Fields, which owns rival ARC. Yesterday, they retraced 10p to 457p despite profits comfortably ahead of rising City expectations and a 31 per cent increase in the interim dividend.

There is not much logic in the market. But there is plenty



of sense in the way RMC has ridden the construction boom on the strength of its significant shares of ready-mixed concrete and aggregate markets in Britain, Germany and several other continental countries.

A 60 per cent jump in pre-tax profits to £86.2 million in the first half on a 21 per cent rise in sales shows the delights of a combined boom in Britain and in Germany, where first-half profits jumped from £4.2 million to £11.2 million.

To be sure, RMC's first-half performance will not be repeated in the second. The uniquely mild first quarter has shifted some work forward — how much is hard to say — and the final quarter of 1987 was the first real boom period.

RMC thinks the second half will produce only 55 per cent

of the full-year total against the usual 60-65 per cent. If so, pre-tax profits for the year would be about £192 million, leaving the shares selling at 8.3 times earnings of about 55p, with a yield of 4.2 per cent or more.

But that hint evidently includes some canny caution over the final quarter. Kleinwort Greaveson's Jamie Stevenson thinks that may be too cautious and he has raised his forecast from £190 million to £202 million for earnings of 57.7p, bringing the price/earnings ratio down to 7.9.

That is a top-of-the-cycle rating for a well-managed group that had already trebled earnings per share in the 10 years to 1987 despite three downward years. RMC, however, is still looking for volume growth of 3 to 5 per cent in 1989 — not exciting against

10 per cent in 1987 and 12-15 per cent this year — but enough to push profits up 10 per cent.

The group is also diversified, though more geographically than by industry, as protection against the Chancellor's interest rate squeeze. A quiet but rapid build-up in countries such as France and Spain as well as the US should earn some credit for management — and the share rating.

## Vickers

Investors could be forgiven for thinking that results from Vickers sound like a plea to the Ministry of Defence of "please, please, let us build your tanks for you."

The order it wants is a contract, estimated to be worth £1.5 billion, to replace the British Army's ageing Challenger tanks with its new generation of Challenger 2 tanks.

Vickers expects to receive an answer from the Government by the end of this year. If the order goes elsewhere, Vickers will be out of the tank business. The stock market reacted to yesterday's disappointing half-year figures by immediately marking the shares up in anticipation of a bid emerging before too long.

The reaction was understandable. Vickers moaned and groaned its way through a litany of excuses to explain a near 4 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £24.5 million.

Funding of the Challenger 2

## Logica up on broader horizons

By John Bell  
City Editor

The drive by Logica, the computer systems group, to make its business more international paid off last year. Pre-tax profits advanced by 30 per cent in the 12 months to end-June to £14.7 million, on a 27 per cent revenue rise to £132 million.

The results include a three-month contribution from Data Architects, the US acquisition. Data has been merged with Logica's US operations, and the enlarged company is performing in line with expectations.

Logica ended the year with a stronger balance sheet, with net cash rising by £3.8 million. The board is confident that Logica's spread of activities will ensure continuing strong growth in the year ahead. A final dividend of 1.6p a share makes a total payout of 2.3p — a rise of 35 per cent over the previous year.

## Fast-moving Spring Ram leaps to £6.82m half-time profit

By Martin Walker

The Spring Ram Corporation, the kitchen and bathroom group, is turning its attention to bedroom and dining-room furniture.

The news was announced to a group of 40 analysts and fund managers flown up to the company's modern kitchen factory in Scunthorpe, Humberside.

At the same time, Spring Ram unveiled pre-tax profits of 54 per cent ahead, to £6.82 million, in the six months to July 2. The half-time dividend is 0.2p, up from 0.181p.

Much of the company's expansion will be under the Chippendale name, said Mr William Rooney, the chairman. This is a shelf company picked up for just £3,200 a year ago, and is not connected with the most famous name in English furniture.

But the name and brand



Furniture moves: William Rooney, chairman of Spring Ram, said the company's expansion will be under the Chippendale name. He added, "as well as, eventually, the exterior."

The company expects to eventually produce expensive furniture under the Chippendale name to match its upmarket kitchen range, to be

for the current year is expected to reach £85 million — it grew by 31 per cent to £38.12 million at the half-way stage.

This growth will not include the benefit of the heavy capital investment which the group has funded over the past two years, including a new bathroom equipment factory at Kirkstall, West Yorkshire, as well as the Scunthorpe plant.

Mr Rooney said the benefits of this near-doubling of capacity would come through only in the next year and the years after.

Spring Ram has some £3 million to go of its £25 million, three-year capital spending programme. Yes it reached the end of the first half with nil gearing, with all the growth internally generated and a strong positive cashflow.

A further building project should be announced soon.

## Sale lifts Mandarin Oriental

By Stephen Leather  
Hong Kong

Mandarin Oriental International reported after-tax profits up 30 per cent to HK\$145 million (£11 million) for the six months to end-June.

They were boosted by an extraordinary gain of HK\$48 million. This represents profits from the international placing of shares in the Oriental in Bangkok — rated one of the world's top hotels.

The interim dividend is HK\$3 cents. There was no payout last year as the company was part of the Hong Kong Land property empire until it was hived off as a separate listed company.

Mandarin Oriental has eight hotels, seven in Asia and one in the US. The Oriental in Bangkok and the Mandarin Oriental in Hong Kong are often named in international business surveys as the world's top two hotels.

## Strong &amp; Fisher ahead 29%

By Our City Staff

Strong & Fisher, the high quality leather specialist, raised its pre-tax profit by 29 per cent to £7.8 million in the year to June 30 on turnover up 57 per cent at £111 million.

Earnings per share rose 19 per cent to 32.7p and a final dividend of 8.3p makes a total of 12p a share, 14 per cent higher than last year's 10.5p.

The results are in stark contrast to rival Pittard Gamar, which reported a half-year loss of £2.54 million on Wednesday, after writing down sheepskin stocks.

Strong & Fisher made an abortive bid for Pittard Gamar before it merged with Pittard. Mr Richard Strong, the

group managing director, said lower raw material prices would help S&F in the current financial year.

He said the group's new stain and water resistant high-tech leather had been given an outstanding reception from customers this week, at its launch at the Paris international leather fair.

Mr Strong said 93 per cent of sales were now exported: 30 per cent to the Far East "where Japan is becoming increasingly important"; 30 per cent to Europe, with West Germany one of the best markets; and 30 per cent to the United States and Canada.

He said he had high hopes for the new stain resistant and water repellent high-tech leather and believed it would give the company a two-year lead over its rivals. Mr Strong added raw material prices were improving, with the group now paying £5 for a lambswool skin, to be made into leather, compared with £6 a year ago.

He was optimistic for the future of the leather clothing trade.

He said that when he went into the business almost all leather was used for shoes whereas now 60 per cent of the world's raw material goes for leather in clothes.

## Polly Peck Far East in HK share issue

From Our Correspondent, Hong Kong

Polly Peck Far East, the Hong Kong-listed arm of Mr Asil Nadir's British-based Polly Peck International, is to issue 52 million shares, with warrants attached, to the public at HK\$2.48 a share.

Mr Nadir said the issue was to comply with Hong Kong's listing regulations, which require that at least 25 per cent of a firm's shares and outstanding warrants are held by the public.

"It's not a fund-raising exercise," said Mr Nadir, though Polly Peck Far East's parent,

Polly Peck International (Hong Kong), will actually benefit to the tune of HK\$129 million (£9.7 million).

After the issue Polly Peck International (Hong Kong), will hold 69.1 per cent of the shares of the Hong Kong-listed company, and 58 per cent of the warrants.

Mr Nadir said the group was particularly interested in expanding into consumer goods and the buying and marketing of fresh fruit and vegetables in Hong Kong and the region.

## Chairman concerned about levy changes

## Central Television tops £9m as cost-cutting takes effect

By Lawrence Lever

Cost-cutting at Central Independent Television, the independent station for the Midlands, has contributed to a 28 per cent increase in half-year pre-tax profits to £9.1 million on turnover up just 8 per cent at £113.8 million.

The increase in profits has filtered through to earnings per share which also increased 28 per cent in the six months to end-June. They were 22.1p (17.2p). The company has declared an interim dividend of 6p a share, up 20 per cent.

Staffing levels have fallen by about 100 since the beginning of the year as part of an overall drive to reduce costs.

Central is traditionally taciturn at the half-way stage, declining to give figures on its advertising revenues and the amount of Exchequer Levy it paid.

About 80 per cent of its £113.8 million turnover this half relates to advertising revenues, and Mr David Justham, chairman, said the company had maintained its market share of advertising revenue among the ITV companies at 14.3 per cent.

Central is second only to Thames TV in terms of its



Profits picture: David Justham, the chairman of Central, said the company had maintained its market share of advertising revenue among the ITV companies at 14.3 per cent.

percentage share of British advertising revenues.

"Advertising revenue is continuing at a high level and results for the year should be satisfactory," Mr Justham said.

However, he expressed concern about government proposals to change the way in

which the Exchequer Levy is charged on ITV companies, from a profits-related formula to a revenue-related one.

"The particular formula on which comments had been invited, if introduced, would have a very serious effect on the company," Mr Justham said.

## COMPANY BRIEFS

BENTALLS (Int)  
Pre-tax: £1.164 (£1.021)m  
EPS: 1.67p (1.50p)  
Div: 0.55p (0.50p)

HAMPDEN HOME (Int)  
Pre-tax: £0.487 (£0.436)m  
EPS: 3.18p (2.84p)  
Div: 0.5p

JOHN HAGGAS (Fin)  
Pre-tax: £4.099 (£4.017)m  
EPS: 12.48p (13.01p)  
Div: 4p (3p)

HERRING SON & DAW (Int)  
Pre-tax: £0.939 (£0.494)m  
EPS: 6.83p (3.63p)  
Div: 1.5p (Nil)

KITTY LITTLE (Int)  
Pre-tax: £0.088 (£0.082)m  
EPS: 0.4p (0.7p)  
Div: 0.5p

LAIDLAW THOMSON (Int)  
Pre-tax: £0.616 (£0.578)m  
EPS: 5.91p (7.33p)  
Div: 1.62p (1.54p)

TOR INV TST (Int)  
Pre-tax: £1.277 (£1.097)m  
EPS: 15.8p (18.80p)  
Div: 14.4p mkg 21.0p

T&S STORES (Int)  
Pre-tax: £1.418 (£1.060)m  
EPS: 4.88p (3.912p)  
Div: 1.0p (0.8p)

BILSTON & BATT (Int)  
Pre-tax: £0.148 (£0.191)m  
EPS: 2.3p (2.9p)  
Div: Nil

G OLIVER (Int)  
Pre-tax: £0.082 (£0.578)m  
EPS: 5.91p (7.33p)  
Div: 2.60p (2.20p)

ANGLO-EASTERN (Int)  
Pre-tax: £0.512 (£0.082)m  
EPS: 0.8p (0.1p)  
Div: Nil

BENSON GROUP (Fin)  
Pre-tax: £1.110 (£0.583)m  
EPS: 3.84p (2.24p)  
Div: Fin 0.7p (0.5p)

Chairman cautious of government's policy to reduce consumer demand. However, maintaining level of sales should lead to a successful year.

After a slow start, benefits are now coming from improved margins and stock management as well as the "Texas Tom" advertising campaign.

Both fabric and trouser divisions are operating at capacity. The main push will be in reorganizing the retail division where sales fell 20%.

The company continues to trade strongly and has made good start to the second half. Turnover was up healthily at £3.668 (£2.756m).

Outlook for second half is good. Company enters autumn with wider product range and a broader distribution than ever before.

Company has strengthened its position in the market by opening a sales office in Norwich, with another planned in Leeds.

Capital share dividend 2.1p (1.748p). NAV, income shares, 137.0p (153.8p). NAV, capital shares, 1,067.0p (1,334.0p).

Sales have remained encouraging with turnover up to £84.086 (£37.077m). Continuation of trend would give seventh record year.

Significant increases in output have been achieved from the new factory. Turnover £1.714 (£1.582m), with long-term future looking healthy.

Company has completed the full integration of the Timpons purchase. Sales increased to £41.390 (£30.738m).

Cropping continues to increase at a satisfactory level, with rubber prices increasing strongly, compensating for cocoa prices.

Current year trading remains strong and inflow of orders is encouraging. Net turnover rose to £11.128m (£8.407m).

RMC weather

F&B buys two more American companies

CSR in

Tanner rings the Chimes

The Independent City Editor: I have just received a copy of the Times and I am very pleased to see that the company has maintained its market share of advertising revenue among the ITV companies at 14.3 per cent.



# RMC rises to £86m on good weather and building boom

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

Exceptionally good weather conditions for the building industry in the early months of the year helped RMC, Britain and Europe's biggest ready-mixed concrete producer, to raise its pre-tax profits by 60 per cent to £86.2 million in the first half of the year on sales 21 per cent higher at £992 million.

First-half earnings rose by 58 per cent to 24.7p per share and the interim dividend has been increased from 3.5p to 4.6p, pointing to the third successive rise of 25 per cent or more in annual dividend.

Mr Jim Owen, RMC's group managing director, said

the first quarter was most exceptional and the best weather for construction in the lifetime of present management. He expects volume growth of 12 to 15 per cent in Britain for the year compared with 10 per cent in 1987.

But he said there was evidence that the mild winter in Northern Europe had brought forward some work that would normally have been carried out later in the year. Trading remains satisfactory, but growth in the second half will, therefore, not match that in the first half of the year.

In Britain, where RMC has a third of the ready-mixed



Jim Owen: most exceptional

market, sells 10 per cent of aggregates and has interests in do-it-yourself, merchandising and the Thorpe Park leisure business, operating profits

gained 53 per cent to £52 million over the six months. Recent increases in the price of cement have not been passed on in existing contracts because they have only clawed back part of the benefits of ending the cement cartel.

RMC says the boom and good weather in Britain has been matched in West Germany, where it is also the biggest ready-mixed supplier. Operating profits from West Germany jumped 167 per cent to £11.2 million.

Business was also good in France and Spain, where RMC is the second biggest ready-mixed producer and has been expanding capacity. It

has also moved into Portugal. Mr Owen said the group had long emphasized expansion in Europe rather than the US.

Operations in the US were the main disappointment with competition cutting profits. The first contribution from the US joint venture RMC Lonestar were, however, much as expected.

About half the group's expected £150 million capital spending will be on acquisitions. Internal expansion includes a 30 per cent rise in the selling area of the group's Great Mills Do-it-yourself warehouses to a total of 76 stores, making it the fifth largest in the market.

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## FKB buys two more American companies

By Lawrence Lever

FKB Group is paying a maximum of £69.6 million for three companies as part of its strategy to build a worldwide marketing and sales promotion group.

The purchase of two US marketing companies — the third in Bristol — will mean more than half of FKB's income will derive from the US. FKB began its overseas expansion this March with the purchase of four independent US agencies for a maximum of £33.7 million. Then, as now, County NatWest was behind the deal.

FKB is putting up an initial £17.7 million for its three acquisitions, comprising £15.9 million in cash and loan notes, with the balance in FKB shares. Further payments are linked to future profitability and are limited to a maximum of £51.9 million.

The down-payment is being financed mainly by a placing of just more than 6 million new FKB shares at 25p a share to raise £1.44 million net of expenses amounting to £1.2 million.

The new shares have been conditionally placed by County through James Capel with institutional investors. There is a clawback in favour of existing shareholders pro rata with their shareholdings. FKB shares stood at 279p.

The three companies are American Consulting Corporation, a marketing and sales promotion company, DAD Financial, a direct marketing company, and Burrows, Bew and Moore, a graphic design company, of Bristol.

## Cassidy named chairman as Boddington rises to £6.6m



Raise a glass: Denis Cassidy to take the reins at Boddington (Photograph: Adrian Brooks)

By Cliff Feltham  
Mr Denis Cassidy, the former right-hand man to Sir Terence Conran at Storehouse, is taking over as chairman at Boddington Group, the Manchester brewer.

He succeeds Mr Ewart Boddington, whose departure after 19 years ends a family connection with the brewery stretching back to the middle of the last century.

Mr Boddington yesterday announced his intention to bow out at the end of the year, after unveiling slightly disappointing results for the brewery, which last year managed to shake off a takeover attempt by Midsummer Lei-

sure. However, it is still viewed as a likely target.

For the six months to end-July, Boddington managed to raise pre-tax profits just over 9 per cent to £6.6 million — analysts had hoped for closer to £7 million.

The interim dividend is up 7.5 per cent to 1.58p, while earnings per share rose 7.4 per cent to 3.36p. In the stock market the shares fell 4p to 145p.

Mr Boddington said the group lost around £750,000 because of a one-week strike caused by contracting out distribution.

This meant that beer sales fell four per cent, although

sales of bitter into its take-home market grew ten per cent.

His move into catering is starting to pay off, with 16 Henry's Table outlets already open.

Sales from this area should top £8 million for the full-year and reach £14 million next year. Two Village Leisure Hotels, bought last June, also contributed to profits.

Mr Cassidy, aged 55, who left his deputy chairman's job at Storehouse last autumn, said: "All the brewers recognize there is less dependence on brewing and other avenues of revenue have to be found."

## Half-time profit dip for Filofax

By Rosemary Unsworth

Filofax, the diary company, reported a dip in half-time pre-tax profits to £318,000 from £444,000.

Sales rose 22 per cent from £4.48 million to £5.47 million in the six months to end-June.

But Mr David Collis, the chairman, said: "It would be unrealistic to expect the basic Filofax system to show the same rate of growth in the UK market as experienced over recent years."

Growth has run at 100 per cent per annum during the last eight years. The dividend is maintained at 0.75p. The shares fell 13p to 118p.

The results were also affected by the costs of introducing new displays.

One innovation, launched yesterday, is a link with Octopus. The Paul Hamlyn subsidiary group has published eight novels for insertion in Filofaxes. They include books by Jeffrey Archer and Tom Sharpe.

## Brazil debt deal 'a landmark'

By Richard Thomson

Banking Correspondent

Brazil yesterday signed an \$82 billion (£48.8 billion) debt rescheduling package with its commercial bank creditors, the biggest ever agreed with a Third World country, after months of tortuous negotiations.

Mr Bill Rhodes, the chairman of the commercial bank advisory committee, said: "At approximately \$82 billion this package is a landmark package, the largest ever syndicated on the international credit markets."

The deal ends more than 18 months of feuding between Brazil and the commercial banks.

It began last year when Brazil imposed a moratorium on repayments of medium-term debt. It dropped the moratorium by the end of the year but negotiations on the rescheduling package have dragged on since then.

Although the package includes \$5.2 billion of new capital, it gives Brazil longer repayment deadlines and finer interest rates.

## COMMENT David Brewerton

### City Sun dance turns to continental minuet

After another devastating day, shares in Sun Life Assurance dropped a further 75p to £9.75 each, making a drop of £2.15 in two days. The reason is simple, if contradictory. Leading shareholders seem certain to support Sun's management, under former Lazard deputy-chairman Peter Grant, at next Thursday's meeting to approve its deal with UAP, the state-controlled French group. In doing so, they will fulfil the fears of Sun's biggest shareholder, Donald Gordon's Transatlantic Insurance Holdings. Mr Gordon's prediction of the effect on the share price of the deal was actually somewhat less dire than reality.

Mr Gordon's long-standing desire to play a leading role in Sun Life has been continually frustrated by Mr Grant, who has proved as cunning an infighter as might be expected from such an experienced merchant banker who says he learned his trade from the legendary Lord Poole. The question is whether Mr Grant, a veteran of some of the most complex deals of recent times, has been too clever this time.

His link with UAP had two purposes: to help Sun expand in continental Europe and to bring in another big shareholder to neutralize Mr Gordon. UAP would initially have 18 per cent of Sun Life, diluting Mr Gordon (after the accompanying rights issue to 22 per cent).

The first hurdle was to persuade the shareholders, overwhelmingly institutions, to back his plan against likely opposition from Mr Gordon. Mr Grant had one important card to play. There is a trade union among life insurance companies, which do not have the same protection as banks against unwelcome predators but think they ought to — whatever they may feel about the free market for control of industry. They would not like to let down one of their

number which had a perfectly good record of rising returns for shareholders. Mr Grant's other card, used several times against Mr Gordon, was to decry the idea of Transatlantic gaining control without a bid. If Mr Gordon wanted to be in charge — an accusation he has always somewhat mysteriously denied — he should offer all shareholders a bid.

But a snag arose. Groupe AG, whose chief rival in Belgian insurance is effectively controlled by UAP, had bought 7 per cent of Sun Life and looked like siding with Mr Gordon, providing a solid initial block of about a third of the shares against the UAP deal. But the complexities of continental finance, so different from the Anglo-Saxon variety, came to his aid.

Groupe AG is part of Belgium's Société Générale group. And Société Générale has just survived an attempted hostile takeover by the Italian Carlo de Benedetti. It did so by grace of the French finance group Suez, whose biggest shareholder just happens to be UAP. For Groupe AG to frustrate UAP's deal would simply not be *le crick*.

At the right moment, Lazard Frères, French associate of Lazard and advisers to UAP, came to the rescue with a put option that now looks very profitable for AG. The trouble is, it effectively puts 25 per cent of Sun Life in the UAP camp if the deal goes through, suggesting Sun Life might after all have lost its independence without a bid.

Mr Grant used all his charm on Mr Gordon at a lunch on Tuesday. It left Mr Gordon in quizzical mood. He is now minded to keep his stake but let the resolutions through (though not perhaps without change) and to seek co-operation through an alliance with UAP. Thursday's planned High Noon may now be the prelude to a prolonged minuet.

## Hard questions in Berlin

Tomorrow's meeting of the Group of Seven industrial nations in Berlin may understandably indulge in a little self-congratulation. The world economy is growing much faster than was expected earlier this year, particularly in West Germany and the other countries of continental Europe. The US trade deficit shows some sign of diminishing, even if the counter-balancing deterioration is being felt less in the countries with large surpluses, such as Japan and Germany, and more in a variety of smaller economies, including Britain's. And all this has been achieved with a fair degree of stability in exchange rates.

This is not to say that there are no tensions at all in foreign exchange markets. Yesterday's very poor French trade figures renewed rumours of an imminent realignment of currencies within the European Monetary System involving a devaluation of the lira and a revaluation of the mark, with the franc somewhere in between. It might even happen this weekend.

Nevertheless, on the wider world stage the authorities have been relatively successful, first in securing a turn-around in the dollar and then curbing its rise during the late summer. As the Chancellor, Nigel Lawson, remarked the other day, the dollar/mark rate is now back in the range agreed 18 months ago at the Louvre.

The danger is that in congratulating

themselves on the relatively satisfactory state of the world economy at present, the finance ministers will choose to ignore the questions which are not going to go away in the longer term. First among these is the continuing imbalance of world trade. Although the US trade deficit has been falling it is still unsustainably large. This is partly a reflection of the budget deficit which, despite Gramm-Rudman, is not likely to fall very rapidly.

Nobody will be pressing the US hard at the meetings in Berlin to do much about this because it would be pointless ahead of the election. But though the figures may have started to move in the right direction, further policy action will be needed before any sort of equilibrium can be achieved.

The other question for the longer term is how the successive agreements on exchange rate stability can or should be developed into a more formalized system. Mr Lawson made an interesting contribution to thinking on this issue with his speech to the IMF meeting last year. Unfortunately he seems most unlikely to return to it this year. Making policy in the hotel bedroom the night before did not meet with the Prime Minister's approval. Nevertheless, if exchange rate stability is to be more than a phrase, important questions about the degree of openness and flexibility within the overall framework remain to be answered.

## CSR insurance policy 'cancelled'

From Richard Battley  
Sydney

CSR, which is facing multi-million dollar claims from asbestos victims, said yesterday that it was "disappointed" by the decision of the State Government Insurance Commission (SGIC) of Western Australia to "cancel" an insurance policy for its subsidiary Midalco.

The SGIC said the policy covering Midalco employees at the Wittenoom asbestos mine in the state's north-west

was "inoperative." On Tuesday, the Victorian Supreme Court upheld the awarding of Aus\$676,000 (£317,818) in damages to Mrs Yvonne Adam, widow of Mr Raymond Adam, a former CSR miner who died of asbestos-related cancer last year.

Mrs Adam's solicitor, Mr Peter Gordon, predicted that 2,000 of the 8,000 workers employed at the mine, which was closed in 1966, would die of asbestos-related diseases.

Mr Gene Herbert, the CSR

deputy managing director, said Mr Gordon's figures were "probably exaggerated." CSR would contest all claims, he said, especially the "basis on which the medical evidence was founded."

Industry analysts estimate that CSR's alleged liability exceeds Aus\$30 million.

Mr Frank Mitchell, SGIC managing director, said court evidence had shown Midalco had been aware of the dangers of the asbestos dust but had failed to take reasonable

precautions to protect their employees.

The award of exemplary damages (computed at Aus\$250,000) was a huge precedent in Australia, Mr Mitchell said.

It was the commission's view that it had been "misled" by Midalco and it was declaring the policy "inoperative."

A statement, issued by CSR, said it was "surprised and dismayed" by the SGIC views and its purported cancellation of its policy.

## Tanner rings the Chimes

You cannot keep a good man down. Bruce Tanner, remembered affectionately in the City as the long-time chairman of holiday group Horizon — he left last summer after its takeover by Bass — is, I hear, back in action. Amusing himself in the interim by becoming deputy chairman of the Conservative Association in his native Birmingham and a non-executive director with the Birmingham Cable Corp, he has now returned to the Square Mile. His latest business hat is as chairman of Chimes, a fledgling restaurant group which so far boasts just two outlets, one in Pimlico and the other in Twickenham. Injecting the Pimlico one — the more successful of the two, specializing in English cider and pies — into a new company, Chimes Restaurants (UK) Ltd, he is aiming to raise up to £500,000 by way of a BES. "It's a very profitable restaurant," Tanner, aged 57, tells me, "and the purpose of the BES is to fund expansion. We want to develop a chain of restaurants with the same theme. Our aim is to have perhaps five within the next five years, mostly in London."

• The Independent will be a less lively place as of today. Its City Editor, father-of-three Tom Kyte, has left to become a director of City PR firm Brunswick. Kyte, aged 41, will be working alongside the firm's founder, Alan Parker, son of the former BR chairman, Sir Peter.

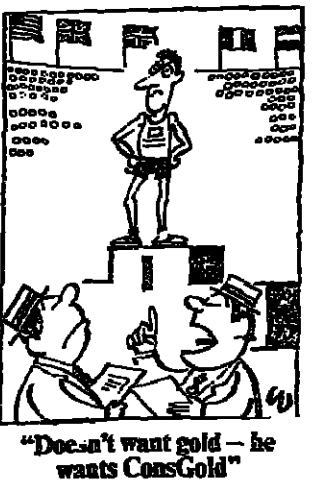
## THE TIMES CITY DIARY

### Moves in the market

Rod Forrest and Fiona Short, the retailing duo at Kleiswort Greaves, will be joining Smith New Court in less than a month, to strengthen its existing team. They will be joining analyst Chris Dickman and Kimball Cook, who herself moved across from Kleiswort's just five months ago. "It's a tried and tested combination as far as the three of them are concerned," Dickman says.

### Yes, Maybe

An employee of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, one Doris Stokes — no, not the clairvoyant, somehow returned from some astral plane — recently ordered a new Visa card over the telephone from Citibank, Ameri-



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ca's biggest bank and the world's most prolific issuer of Visa cards. Asked by the salesman if any other member of her family would like one she replied, "Maybe later." A few days later, her credit card duly arrived, together with another in the name of Maybe Later. But that's nothing to the hollow laughter this tale will cause round at Scrimgeour Vickers, which has the said bank as its proud parent.

### Good Lord's

The hearts of City cricket fans skipped a beat yesterday when traders spotted this headline on their computerized Topic dealing screens: "MCC names Frenchmen for key job." This, they complained, was surely taking European unity a trifle too far. Their relief was understandable when they read on and discovered that the headline was merely referring to Maxwell Communication Corporation.

## Making a trunk call

Sir Lawrie Barratt's stated intention to retire from his housebuilding business Barratt Developments — so closely associated with all those timber-framed houses at the end of this year could, I hear, lead to him assuming a new career in the timber business. He has just won approval from the North York Moors National Park to plant a wood on part of his Farnedale Estate in North Yorkshire. Sir Lawrie, aged 60, has been given permission to cover 12 acres with larch and mixed broad-leaf trees, which will qualify him. I am told, for a woodland grant of some £5,000 from the Forestry Commission. In accordance with the rules of such a grant, 70 per cent of the cash will be paid just as soon as the trees have been planted and the balance over the coming years — a handy retirement bonus, even for a millionaire.

• Four bedraggled computer wizards, whose firm EPG is a specialist software company serving the London insurance market, will be seen wandering the City streets this afternoon, carrying canoes and plastic buckets, and collecting donations for Arms, the charity which raises money for research into multiple sclerosis. By then, Rod Lord, David Waring, Jonathan Barret-Davies and John Duffy will have paddled the 14 miles from Mortlake to London Bridge, raising more money from sponsorship. This evening they will attend a ball in Kensington, in the same cause.

Carol Leonard

## William Morrison at £13.8m

William Morrison Supermarkets, the Bradford group which is a frequent subject of takeover talk, saw interim pre-tax profits rise to £13.8 million from £11.5 million.

Turnover rose from £222.3 million to £275.8 million in the six months to end-July. The interim dividend is 0.55p (0.5p), but the shares dipped 5p to 254p.

### Buyout talk

Shares in Prestwich Holdings, the entertainment and leisure group, jumped 19p to 140p yesterday on news of a possible buyout. Some directors and management have been given permission to examine the possibility of a buyout for the whole group. A study has been prepared and preliminary discussions have taken place with potential sponsors.

### Bridon ahead

Bridon, the wire and fibre manufacturer, lifted pre-tax profits 34.6 per cent to £7 million on sales up 11.1 per cent to £108.5 million for the six months to end-June. Earnings per share rose 53.6 per cent to 8.6p. The interim dividend is 2p (1.5p).

### £12m sale

Randsworth Trust has sold CT Tower in New Malden, Surrey, to Central London Securities for £12.1 million. CT Tower has been let progressively over the past 12 months to produce a total current income of £970,000 a year.

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2	Bank of Ireland	Banks/Discount	100	10	10%	10	10%
3	Bank of Scotland	Banks/Discount	100	10	10%	10	10%
4	Bank of Wales	Banks/Discount	100	10	10%	10	10%
5	Bank of Cyprus	Banks/Discount	100	10	10%	10	10%
6	Bank of Greece	Banks/Discount	100	10	10%	10	10%
7	Bank of Spain	Banks/Discount	100	10	10%	10	10%
8	Bank of Portugal	Banks/Discount	100	10	10%	10	10%
9	Bank of Italy	Banks/Discount	100	10	10%	10	10%
10	Bank of France	Banks/Discount	100	10	10%	10	10%
11	Bank of Germany	Banks/Discount	100	10	10%	10	10%
12	Bank of Japan	Banks/Discount	100	10	10%	10	10%
13	Bank of China	Banks/Discount	100	10	10%	10	10%
14	Bank of India	Banks/Discount	100	10	10%	10	10%
15	Bank of Australia	Banks/Discount	100	10	10%	10	10%
16	Bank of New Zealand	Banks/Discount	100	10	10%	10	10%
17	Bank of South Africa	Banks/Discount	100	10	10%	10	10%
18	Bank of Argentina	Banks/Discount	100	10	10%	10	10%
19	Bank of Brazil	Banks/Discount	100	10	10%	10	10%
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21	Bank of Peru	Banks/Discount	100	10	10%	10	10%
22	Bank of Chile	Banks/Discount	100	10	10%	10	10%
23	Bank of Colombia	Banks/Discount	100	10	10%	10	10%
24	Bank of Venezuela	Banks/Discount	100	10	10%	10	10%
25	Bank of Ecuador	Banks/Discount	100	10	10%	10	10%
26	Bank of Bolivia	Banks/Discount	100	10	10%	10	10%
27	Bank of Paraguay	Banks/Discount	100	10	10%	10	10%
28	Bank of Uruguay	Banks/Discount	100	10	10%	10	10%
29	Bank of Cuba	Banks/Discount	100	10	10%	10	10%
30	Bank of Haiti	Banks/Discount	100	10	10%	10	10%
31	Bank of Dominican Republic	Banks/Discount	100	10	10%	10	10%
32	Bank of Central America	Banks/Discount	100	10	10%	10	10%
33	Bank of Caribbean	Banks/Discount	100	10	10%	10	10%
34	Bank of North America	Banks/Discount	100	10	10%	10	10%
35	Bank of South America	Banks/Discount	100	10	10%	10	10%
36	Bank of Europe	Banks/Discount	100	10	10%	10	10%
37	Bank of Asia	Banks/Discount	100	10	10%	10	10%
38	Bank of Africa	Banks/Discount	100	10	10%	10	10%
39	Bank of Oceania	Banks/Discount	100	10	10%	10	10%
40	Bank of Antarctica	Banks/Discount	100	10	10%	10	10%

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2	Beck's	100	10	10%	10	10%
3	Carlsberg	100	10	10%	10	10%
4	Heineken	100	10	10%	10	10%
5	Hoegaarden	100	10	10%	10	10%
6	King	100	10	10%	10	10%
7	La Biere	100	10	10%	10	10%
8	Leffe	100	10	10%	10	10%
9	Orval	100	10	10%	10	10%
10	Pilsener	100	10	10%	10	10%

### BUILDING, ROADS

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### FINANCIAL TRUSTS

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### DRAPERY, STORES

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### HOTELS, CATERERS

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## Taxing officer's duty over privileged papers

In his Lordship's judgment, the approach adopted by Mr Justice Melford Stevenson was too rigid and uncompromising. It would be unreasonable to expect a taxing officer might need to disclose part, if not all, of the contents of a privileged document in striking a balance.

It would not, however, be helpful to require a taxpayer to lay down firm criteria as to when such a course might be necessary since each case would depend on its own facts.

His Lordship considered that did have to be made would, in his Lordship's judgment, be only for the purposes of the taxation. Disclosure for such a purpose would not prevent the owner of the document from asserting his privilege in any subsequent context.

Applying that pragmatic approach to the present case, his Lordship considered that the registrar's approach had been fair and reasonable. He would dismiss the appeal.

The Master of the Rolls and Lord Justice Woolf agreed.

Solicitors: Wyndams; Judd, Walker Tavar & Co, Kentistown.















## CRICKET

# Fairer pitch should help Australia's hopes for new start

From Richard Streeton  
Faisalabad

After the clamour and mental turmoil of the first week, Australia will have to dig deep to find the required confidence and determination to do themselves justice in the second Test match starting here today.

Pakistan's comprehensive win in the first Test, leaving aside the background rows, has left their players convinced that they are the best team in the world and they are not far wrong. Australia, meanwhile, could find it hard to put out of their mind the fact that they were deprived of any chance to win in Karachi.

They might not have benefited, too, from what seemed premature and excessive reaction to the controversial pitch and umpiring. Like many visiting sides to this country, the Australians clearly arrived full of suspicions. It will not help them now that they are counting the days before they return home.

Allan Border, the captain, claimed yesterday he believed his players, having decided to continue the tour, would be able to summon a positive approach and that the past week's problems could work

## Faisalabad teams

PAKISTAN (from): Javed Miandad (captain), Mushtaq Nazar, Ramiz Raja, Shoaib Mohammad, Saleem Malik, Asim Ali, Aamer Malik, Saleem Younis, Iqbal Chaudhry, Asad Qadir, Taseem Ahmed, Saleem Jaffer, Arshad Ali Khan, Moin-ul-Hasan, Moin-ul-Hasan, Moin-ul-Hasan.

AUSTRALIA (from): A R Border (captain), D R Boon, M J Jones, G P Marsh, S R Waugh, A C D'Souza, G A Reid, T S A May, P L Taylor, P R Sleep, M R J Veletsky, G H Siddle, D Seldons, I A Healy, C J McDermott.

Umpires: Moin-ul-Hasan and Tariq Ata.

to their advantage. "Basically we have got to forget Karachi and start this tour again," he said, but it hardly sounded convincing.

Few touring teams manage to save a three-match series on the sub-continent once they lose the opening game. West Indies were an exception. Two years ago, when they lost heavily at the Iqbal Stadium here, they were dismissed for 53 in their second innings.

Abdul Qadir taking six for 16, but went on to win in Lahore and draw in Karachi.

Australia, however, lack the fast bowling which made possible the West Indian comeback and their spinners remain novices compared with the Pakistanis. Qadir and company will not receive the same help from the pitch that

they did in Karachi but they have already chalked up a psychological advantage.

As the teams practised yesterday, Mohammad Bashir, the groundsman responsible for all Test pitches in Pakistan, said he expected the pitch in this match to favour batsmen for three days before the ball started to turn. There was no grass on it, of course, but at least it looked firm. More water has clearly been used during its preparation than the Karachi strip ever saw.

Several minor fitness worries mean that Australia will not finalize their team until shortly before the test. Waugh and Taylor have back strains; Dodemaide and May have stomach upsets. McDermott, the fast bowler, has a hip problem.

Pakistan could field an unchanged side, the only doubt being whether Saleem Jaffer, the left-arm fast bowler, replaces Aamer Malik, a batsman. Their board have confirmed that Mahboob Shah, the umpire to whose appointment the Australians objected, will stand in the match, something Border described "as a bit inflammatory."

## YACHTING

## Navy's entry in the balance

By Malcolm McKee

After a 10-year hiatus, there is again to be a Services entry in the Whitbread Round the World Race, due to start from Portsmouth in September next year. Confirming the news yesterday, Major Peter Schofield of the Royal Naval School, the noted Solent and offshore racing skipper who is to be the entry's race director, said: "This is very much a combined operation between the Army and the Royal Air Force - we just happen to be organizing the detail at the moment but as the project develops the air force will be very much involved."

Royal Naval involvement in the project is, at the moment, a delicate subject. The Whitbread race is organized by the Royal Naval Sailing Association and plans for a naval entry were made known some time ago. So far the Navy have been unable to

secure sponsorship for a separate entry.

The as yet unnamed Martin Francis-designed 80ft maxi yacht, which the Army/RAF crew will sail, is being built at Green Marine, in Lynton, for the City-based Sports Sponsorship International. SSI began work on the project more than a year ago with a £250,000 research project into weather patterns and design implications of the race's new course, avoiding Cape Town.

Construction began last September but was halted briefly after the October stockmarket slump and resumed in March, amid speculation that the maxi would run under naval colours.

Although never confirmed - or denied - officially, it is widely believed the Navy had secured

sponsorship from Rothmans only to have the involvement of a tobacco company vetoed at high level. Subsequently, Rothmans announced its own, directly sponsored, school ship, the only one to be named the navy experience is: "We will not be considering involvement with a tobacco company."

Confirming that SSI had underwritten the budget for the entry, the SSI technical director, Chris Freer, said that no sponsor has yet been announced, and the name remains available for purchase. It will, however, have to be a name that meets with official approval.

The yacht is almost complete and ready for roll-over, with launching scheduled for next January. Crew selection will begin in October, with sea trials starting in February.

## RUGBY UNION: HEIGHTENED COMPETITION IS OPENING WAY FOR PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATORS

## Gallagher opts for second row role

By David Hands  
Rugby Correspondent

The retirement last season of Jim Syddall, capped twice by England, has left Waterloo with a hole to fill in their second row. Tomorrow, therefore, when they play Orell in a first division County Club Championship match at Edge Hall Road, Sean Gallagher, the club captain, will move from his customary role of flanker to partner Wilkinson.

Gallagher is taking a decision which most loose forwards try to avoid. He is able to do so after the arrival at the club of a new recruit, Paul Dew - brother of the England lock, Wade - who joins Allott and Connor in the back row.

Gallagher played at lock several times on tour in New Zealand during the summer with the Combined Services and British Police. In terms of his representative hopes, however, it may not be the best of moves since the North already have Wade, Dooley, Bainbridge, Howe and Cusani.

Dick Tilley, assistant coach to the England Schools during their tour of Australia last month, will coach the national 18-group team this season.



Over to you: Knibbs, the Bristol centre, has been called in by the South and South West as a wing against Leinster at Bath on Monday, replacing Mogg, of Gloucester, who is injured

## Sevenoaks prove Williams suited to World Cup post

Schools rugby by Michael Stevenson

By David Hands

Sevenoaks' tour of Australia and Fiji resulted in five wins and four defeats for the first XV, and four wins and a draw from eight matches for the under-17 side. The master-in-charge, Michael Williams, reports in glowing terms of the hospitality received and the excellence of his party as ambassadors.

Sevenoaks lost 37-9 to Downlands College, the only time they were outclassed; but both matches in Fiji were lost. The results of the first XV's matches were (Sevenoaks first): 25-4 v West Australia Schools; 11-21 v Oakhill College; 17-3 v Townsville GS; 22-9 v Sunshine Coast Rep XV; 9-7 v Downlands College; 6-3 v Armadale; 4-4 v Victoria Schools Rep XV; 6-14 v Andhra HS (Fiji); 12-14 v Nadi College.

Hull University's 15-4 side schools festival was again well supported. Bradford GS have been successful for some time and have almost made the Hull lions and experience. No doubt they will again have a fine season but they were defeated at Hull in extra time by Merichiston Castle in the semi-finals, and Merichiston went on to beat King's, Macclesfield 13-

3 in the final. The other semi-finalists were Oakham, following their narrow defeat by Rugby at Douai, dealt summarily with Halesbury, beating them 58-0. Dominic Cannon, the right wing, scored five tries on his debut for the college.

Kirkham GS, who will be captained by their Lancashire prop, Paul Ribchester, have only four regular members of last season's team available, but have started confidently with victories against Monmouth HS (12-4) and Wimal GS (26-3). They will entertain Trinity GS, Sydney, and Palmerston North HS from New Zealand during December.

Barnard Castle do not have a single colour player this winter, and only six with occasional first-team experience. They lost 36-0 to their old boys, but lost narrowly, 13-8, to Woodhouse Grove.

His belief that the future of schoolboy rugby lies in the independent sector prompted John Campbell to move from West Park (now Carmel College) to St Edwards's, Liverpool, where he is the newly-appointed master-in-charge.

The heightened competitive structure in Britain and the reduction in the teaching of the game in schools has created an atmosphere in which a generation of professional administrators will flourish. At the same time the advent of the World Cup has created the need for professional executives at the top end of the game.

In the first half of this season it is hoped to decide three leading appointments: the post of executive director to Rugby World Cup Pty, the job specifications for which have still to be confirmed; secretary to the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU), which has fallen vacant after the resignation of Ray Williams and which was advertised yesterday; and divisional technical administrator to the Midland Division of the Rugby Football Union (RFU).

It is a minor curiosity that Williams, whose resignation takes effect at the end of November, could occupy either of the other roles with distinction. He first made his mark as a sporting administrator in the North Midlands and may be regarded as somewhat over-qualified for the RFU post.

He served as the honorary officer for the WRU before becoming secretary. This experience would be invaluable were he to decide to apply for the World Cup role. Given that he was among the applicants for the post of secretary to the International Rugby Football Board, it would be no surprise to find his name in the frame again.

The WRU advertisement, asking for applicants between 35 and 55, describes the post as that of "chief executive officer to the union under the direction of the committee. Responsibilities will include the effective implementation of the union's plans and policies, control of public relations and sponsorship and actively promoting the game's interests throughout Wales." The salary, which it has been suggested was the sticking-point between Williams and the union, is described as "negotiable and will reflect qualifications and experience." The closing date is October 7.

The RFU has appointed Mike Gooding and Andrew Challis as youth development consultants for the London boroughs.

## Dawes is given backing by WRU

By Gerald Davies

The Welsh Rugby Union, after considerable deliberation and delay, due largely to financial considerations, has decided that the work of John Dawes, the coaching organizer, and Malcolm Williams, the assistant, should be supported by additional staff. Next month it will be announced that three technical administrators will be appointed in January to take on the task of developing the game in three areas of Wales.

One of these will be in North Wales, where the sport has made significant advances in terms of participation in the last decade and now needs a co-ordinator in the area. The remaining two will have responsibility in urban areas of high population in the south.

This follows a trend: there are four divisional directors in England, while last summer Roy Laidlaw, the former Scotland captain, became youth development officer on the Borders to bring their technical administrators to two.

The idea has been delayed so long that the feeling persists that Wales, once seen to be taking the lead in development matters, nowadays trails the other unions.

With the declining interest and involvement at secondary schools among teachers and pupils - if not at junior level - there are those who now envisage that the sport can only prosper if it is promoted by agencies outside the educational establishments. This could centre more on the major clubs, who have managed hitherto to reap benefits from the schools and youth development activities of neighbouring junior clubs.

The major clubs may have to do more to promote the game at all levels themselves. Or it may be that a number of administrative officers will have to be increased to accommodate all nine of the districts affiliated to the union.

Those reluctant men who hold the purse strings will soon have to start investing their cash in people and not girders and concrete. Talent, regrettably, is not so tangible to an accountant's eye as a stadium. It is not a grand national ground at the Arms Park that is going to inspire the young to play.

New Zealand are already ahead of the game. Auckland for the last five years have been investing heavily in promoting rugby at all levels. Last year they spent over £100,000 in their province. Eden Park may not match the Arms Park in grandeur, but they have more and better players to bring it alive.

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GOLF: SCATHING ATTACK ON STATE OF OLD THORNS RISKS INCURRING THE WRATH OF OFFICIALS

# Davies outburst over course

By Mitchell Platt  
Golf Correspondent

Laura Davies launched a scathing attack on Old Thorns yesterday only minutes after completing a four-under-par 69 on the Hampshire course for the first-round lead in the Toshiba Players Championship.

Davies, who will learn today the result of her appeal against a £75 fine for withdrawing from the Variety Club Classic earlier this month, risked further official action with an astonishing assessment of the condition of the course, which was designed by Peter Alliss and Dave Thomas.

"It's horrible," Davies said. "If you go in the rough then it's history because there are pot holes all over the place. The greens are horrible as well. I had an 18-inch putt at the last, took my time, gave a good stroke and the ball jumped straight off the club face."

"Wherever they play this championship I will go because it is a very prestigious event for our tour. But why bring it here? There is no good lying about it. Basically the greens should be dug up. They are terrible. It would peeve anybody to putt on them. The greenkeeper and the members must accept that they are only fooling themselves."

Her unprovoked outburst took officials of the Women's Professional Golfers' European Tour completely by surprise. Joe Flanagan, their executive director, said: "I

## Card of the course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	267	3	11	125	3
2	422	5	12	374	4
3	122	3	13	142	4
4	407	4	14	437	5
5	407	4	15	254	4
6	148	3	16	128	3
7	340	4	17	178	3
8	139	3	18	414	5

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would need all the facts in front of me before making any comment. But we usually take our lead from the European men's tour."

Even so Davies, the former British and United States Open champion, is on course to follow her success in the Italian Open last weekend. She dropped shots at only two holes as she gathered six birdies to edge one shot ahead of Dale Reid and the Australian Corinne Dihnau.

Davies provided a spectacular example of her immense power by hitting a six-iron at the fifth hole pin high. Reid had earlier required a one-iron to reach that green on which her attempt for an eagle two from 10ft tipped out.

This was an encouraging performance for Reid because she is suffering from a recurrence of a hand condition which causes the nerves in her fingers to tighten.

LEADING FIRST ROUND SCORES (68 unless stated): 69: L. Davies, 70: D. Reid, C. Dihnau (AUS), 71: A. Sheppard (SA), 72: B. Unsworth (AUS), M. Scott, S. Galt, C. Conley (US), M. Taylor (FR), 73: L. Perceval, M. Thomson, L. Copen (AUS), 74: N. W. Smith, 75: K. Annan (AUS), J. Panton, J. Lawrence, P. Laurens, 76: S. Soubry, H. Hopkins (AUS), K. Douglas, M. Muller (AUS), G. Brown, R. Descombe (Bel), F. Dasso (N), S. Van Wyk (SA).

## Farr holds off late charge by Rhodes

Graham Farr held on to his overnight lead and finished an impressive 12 under par to win the F.C. Osbourne Midland Professional championship at King's Norton yesterday (Chris Moore writes).

The Shropshire player, who won his first major regional title by three shots from Jim Rhodes (South Staffs), followed his 67 in the first round with a 67, five under par, yesterday morning to move six shots clear.

Rhodes began the final round 10 shots adrift but came storming through the field with seven birdies. The gap was down to two shots when Farr strayed into water on the penultimate hole. But he birdied the last.

LEADING SCORES: 276: G. Farr (Ludlow), 70, 65, 67, 74; 278: J. Rhodes (South Staffs), 71, 67, 74, 67; 280: S. Wines (Notts), 71, 71, 68, 70; 281: S. Stifford (Gainsborough), 73, 70, 67, 71; 282: J.

## McEvoy casts a shadow

Seacroft's Lincolnshire links form the hub of English golf this weekend, with the finals of the county championship over three days beginning this morning (Patricia Davies writes). Today, Cheshire member Kent and Dorset play Warwickshire.

Warwickshire are the favourites, boasting Peter McEvoy, the mainstay of the county's championship. The club, two former England internationals in Andrew Carman and Paul Downes, a Welsh international, Mike Calvert, and the Great Britain youth player, James Cook. However, they have not won the title since 1977.

McEvoy is absent from the first match because of business commitments but his appearance looms large over Cheshire and Kent.



Cutting up rough: Davies, angry over 'horrible' course, says greens should be dug up

## Old faithful comes to Darcy's rescue

Stuttgart (Agencies) — Eamonn Darcy, of Ireland, holed a 95-yard pitch shot for an eagle two as he edged to a one-shot lead with a 66 in the first round of the German Masters golf championship at the Solitude Club yesterday.

The big names trailed in the distance as Darcy, who sank the putt which kept the Ryder Cup in European hands last year, finished six under par and one ahead of Mark Roe, of Britain.

Severiano Ballesteros, chasing his fifth European tour title in six starts, and Ian Woosnam, who has won three times in Europe this year, both shot 72. Nick Faldo had a 73.

It was Darcy's prowess with a 40-year-old wedge that enabled him to make his impressive start. He sank the 95-yard pitch shot with it at the ninth. The Irishman, who picked up the club 10 years ago in Singapore,

had little occasion to use it during the first six holes. But after picking up a birdie at the par five seventh and losing two strokes at the short eighth, where he overshot the green and also found a bunker, the club came into its own.

After the stunning shot at the ninth, Darcy employed the wedge on four more occasions on the inward half and each time it produced a birdie. In the last seven holes he had five in all to come home in 31.

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## THE TIMES AT THE OLYMPICS

## Sportsmanship seen in sharp relief

From David Miller

If the Olympic Games are still about sportsmanship as much as about sport, then the modern pentathlon and the equestrian three-day event lie at the heart of things. In no other sport is there to be found more graciousness in defeat or modesty in victory.

In the space of six hours on opposite sides of the city, there were scenes of elation, fulfilment and dignity at the climax of the two events. Janos Martinek, of Hungary, in the pentathlon and Mark Todd, of New Zealand, in the three-day event, were individual winners instantly acclaimed by their rivals.

Both sports are threatened in the long term by the cost factor, measured against the relatively small number of participating countries. Yet de Coubertin believed them to be part of the kernel of the Games. As Todd said yesterday: "Equestrianism belongs to the Games."

The team winners were Hungary and West Germany respectively. For Britain it was a memorable day, with a bronze, by the merest whisker, in the pentathlon, and a team silver plus individual silver and bronze on horseback.

At the medal ceremony of the pentathlon there was the emotional yet characteristic moment when Joel Bouzon, last year's world champion of France, who had just been beaten for the team bronze by eight points or a mere three seconds in the cross-country, came over to the British team and said simply: "Well done. You are fine sportsmen."



Flower power: Brookhouse, Mahony and Phelps celebrate modern pentathlon bronze medals (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

The sun burned down strongly on this beautiful Olympic Park, the skyline of the surrounding hills a hazy outline, the throb of the city's traffic a distant hum. A small crowd was gathered around the little groups of exhausted athletes: the Italians extrovertly happy with their silver, the Hungarians quietly embracing each other with relief, the Brits, Richard Phelps, Dominic Mahony and Graham Brookhouse, standing around with the casual cheerfulness you find in the pub on a Sunday morning.

For more than three-quarters of an hour they had to wait for the official result from

the judges; though the French pre-empted the announcement with a private calculation that their rivals had won by a fraction. Britain, starting the day fifth after four events and needing to overhaul the Soviet Union and France, had to thank the power of Brookhouse and the courage of Mahony.

Brookhouse ran the ninth fastest cross-country of the day to hold Ruer, the best of the French, to level points. Phelps ran marginally below his best, but was 7½ seconds faster than Bouzon: not enough, however, to get him closer than sixth individual place overall.

Mahony, with an injured knee, was a critical 14 seconds faster than Gerard, the third Frenchman, over the hilly 4,000-metre course. Ron Bright, the jovial team manager who has been at eight Olympic Games as competitor or official, gave Mahony the tactical position of a kilometre to go, told him to run like hell if he could, and then himself fell headlong downhill rushing to get back to the finishing line. On a tough course, the Russians had caved in.

Bright, for better or worse, had taken the decision to include the injured Mahony in the team rather than Peter

even know if I'd be able to compete. I had a fitness test three days before we left home. The doctor thought I had 90 per cent no-chance. Ron took the decision to put me on the plane and to get me fit out here. In the fencing I didn't have mobility on the front foot, and couldn't lunge, and that cost me some wins. In the swimming (two days ago) by the end it was like dragging two elephants along behind me.

Modern pentathlon is, as Bright reflected while we waited for the result, a sport that needs five different psychological attitudes, contrasting forms of concentration. It is so much a philosophical sport, which is what makes the competitors friends as much as rivals. It is hoped that the present British team, sponsored by Minet and Rascal, will stay in partnership.

Out at Seoul's new, panoramic equestrian park, there was a lack of atmosphere because the stands were half-empty, and because the Koreans are only just beginning to develop, and their public to understand, an unaccustomed sport. The host country, coached in Britain, did splendidly to finish in seventh place ahead of Italy, Japan and the United States.

Todd and Charisma, his little horse, are a rare pair indeed, and Charisma's victory gallop round the stadium with his rider after the individual medal ceremony was the clearest possible indication, ears pricked and head erect, of a horse's sense of occasion.

## Biondi brooks no arguments in blue riband event

From Steven Downes



Matt Biondi yesterday achieved his main ambition in Seoul when he won the blue riband, the 100 metres freestyle, in 50.63sec.

There was no one to match him, which was hardly surprising, as the tall, bronzed Californian has now set the 10 fastest times in the history of the event.

"Before the race, I kept telling myself: '100 fly, 100 fly' just to remind me how well you have to swim in the Olympics. You can't make any mistakes," Biondi said. "Since 1985, the 100 metres freestyle has been my event, and it was really important that I made this gold mine."

That good little 'un, Janet Evans, continues to beat the good big 'uns, and in the 400 metres freestyle she did so in world record style. Until the American came on the scene last year, the world mark had stood since 1978. In the final, Evans faced her biggest test, against Heike Friedrich, the East German who had already won the 200 metres freestyle title.

Knowing her strength is her strength, Evans went off fast, going through halfway in 2:02.14, just outside record pace, with Friedrich, an excellent judge of speed, staying with her. Evans swam the next 100, though, in just 61.26sec, and then went harder still.

She had drawn Friedrich's sting and came home in 4:03.85, smashing 1.65sec from her own record. "That's not a world record," said Frank O'Keefe, the American team manager. "That's a universe record."

Kristin Otto matched Evans' double gold achievement by winning the 100 metres backstroke, at an event which Kathy Reade, of Great Britain, recorded her lifetime best in the consolation final. Otto collected a third gold when the East Germans dominated the freestyle relay.

In the 200 metres backstroke, won by Igor Polianski, the New Zealander, Paul Kingsman, produced a remarkable performance, improving his best by nearly two seconds for a Commonwealth record and bronze medal. In the consolation final, Gary Binfield was unable to improve upon the British record he had set in the heats, which must strengthen his claim to a spot on the medley relay team.

June Croft ended her competition, in her third Olympics, with a lacklustre swim in the 400 metres, in which she won the bronze medal four years ago. There was a lot more sparkle, though, from Joanna Coull in the 4 x 100 metres freestyle relay.

At 14, she is the youngest member of the British Olympic team and has an abundance of talent. Given the job of bringing the relay 57.26sec, the fastest time of the quartet and of her life, and she will now fill the same anchor role for the medley relay tomorrow.

## EQUESTRIANISM

## Todd and Charisma further enhance a noble reputation



New Zealand's Mark Todd and Charisma became members of an exclusive club yesterday by winning the individual gold medal in the three-day event for the second successive Olympics, emulating Charles Pahudde Morganges and Marcoux, who did the same for the Netherlands in 1928 and 1932.

For Great Britain, Ian Stark and Sir Wattie crowned illustrious careers with the silver medal, after a clear round in the final showjumping phase, while Virginia Leng, on Master Craftsman, won her second individual Olympic bronze.

The British team moved ahead of the New Zealanders to win a second successive silver, completing a record medal tally in the competition.

The West Germans, who concentrated single-mindedly on the team competition, won the gold medal after a devastating performance which signalled a new era in the sport.

For Todd and Charisma it

From Jenny MacArthur, Seoul

was a fairy-tale ending to the finest partnership the sport has seen. "I'm just so pleased for him, he's a fantastic little horse, a true champion," Todd said. "He's done more for me than I can ever appreciate." Charisma, a 16-year-old gelding bred in New Zealand, has now won six three-day events in 11 starts, been runner-up at Badminton twice and at Burghley once. He will now return to New Zealand for an "active retirement".

Todd, a former dairy farmer who has based himself in England for the last four years, had not competed in a three-day event with Charisma for almost a year before the Olympics. But he always said the horse had a sense of occasion, and so it proved. A near-perfect dressage test was followed by a faultless cross-country performance.

Showjumping has always been Charisma's worst phase and yesterday, going last out of the 36 horses remaining, he hit the first part of the treble and rattled several other fences. But he was not going to spoil the story. He completed

the rest of the course clear, the applause breaking out almost before he had landed over the final fence.

For Stark, the double silver put the seal on his fine partnership with Sir Wattie, who has won two Badminton titles and a European team gold and individual silver in the last three years. Sir Wattie, aged 11, will now be retired to the hunting fields. Stark, who gave up his job to concentrate on horses eight years ago, played a crucial part in the team performance with a fast, clear round at cross-country and an error-free showjumping performance.

Mrs Leng, who started the day ahead of Stark, dropped to the bronze position after hitting two fences. "I was thrilled to win any medal," she said afterwards. "Individually I didn't think I had a chance. He's a young horse."

The commanding West German lead meant that they could have had seven fences down and still won the team gold medal. New Zealand had only one fence in hand over Britain and this was quickly used up by Andrew Beattie and Graydon, who collected 25 faults. Although Tinks Pottinger and Volunteer went clear, becoming the only pair to finish on their dressage score, a fine clear round from Karen Straker on Get Smart and another from Stark meant the New Zealanders had to content themselves with the bronze, their first equestrian team medal.

The three West German riders - Thies Kaspareit on Sherry, Claus Erhorn on Justyn Thyme and Matthias Baumann on Shamrock - who had all been clear on the cross-country section, each made a mistake in the showjumping.

## GYMNASTICS

## Bronze reward forged in steel for Soviet

From John Goodbody



The Soviet Union's supremacy in gymnastics is almost complete. After its delightful victory in the women's team event, the Soviet Union yesterday provided all the medal winners in the men's combined exercises.

No other country scarcely need to have bothered competing because the only genuine contest was between the three-somes. As the Soviet coach, Leonid Artyukhin, said: "The three are equal in strength, stability and technique. None of them is better than the other. It is a matter of chance who wins."

It was Vladimir Artemov, who took the gold medal ahead of Valery Ljulin. But most general observers wanted to see the third-placed Dimitri Bilezerev take the title.

He has had a remarkable return to gymnastics after a car accident in 1985 in which he shattered his left leg in 42 places and had a steel bar inserted in the limb and an external fixator

to realign the bones. Yet he won the world title last year and maintained a constant challenge yesterday.

He strung together three perfect scores in yesterday's optional movements and looked particularly formidable on the cross-country section, each body strength gave him complete control.

On the high bar, he whirled round with only one hand holding the apparatus, exciting the crowd with the smooth dexterity of the movement. Yet his team colleagues remained ahead.

Still, Bilezerev's contribution to the development of the sport has been immense as his coach, Aleksandr Aleksandrov, said: "It was Dimitri's charge to raise the sport to a new level. If he is to be remembered for only medals it will be a failure." Artemov, aged 23, comes from Vladimir, the ancient Russian city which for many years was more important than Moscow. He plans to continue competing until he stops improving.

## BOXING: BRAWL AFTER STUDENT'S DEFEAT BRINGS SHAME TO HOST COUNTRY

## Koreans attack referee in ring

From John Goodbody



A bout ended in a brawl yesterday with Korean officials and the chief security guard attacking the referee who was fighting a student from Seoul.

Bottles, glasses and chairs were thrown at about 15 people because involved in the worst incident inside an Olympic ring in memory.

Keith Walker, the referee, was so distressed at the violence that he immediately returned to New Zealand. Last night the International Amateur Boxing Association decided at an emergency session to suspend the boxer, five officials and also the referee for "certain lapses".

The bantamweight bout between Byun Jong Il from a Seoul university and Alexander Hristov, of Bulgaria, the European champion, was even. Though the South Korean was the more aggressive, the referee warned him once for pushing and once for holding his opponent. The judges gave the Bulgarian the decision but when the referee - who does not vote and whose warnings may be ignored by the judges if they feel they are unjustified - raised Hristov's hand, there was uproar.

Lee Heung So, the coach, and Kim Sung Sui, the team manager, climbed into the ring and began kicking and punching Walker. They were also joined by the chief security officer, who took off his coat and also attacked the referee.

After police finally separated the officials, the Korean boxer crouched in one corner of the ring and squatted passively. He refused to leave and officials brought a chair and also a cool drink.

The tournament continued in the adjoining ring for the two remaining bouts of the session, although some of the Korean officials, ushers and announcers walked out in protest at the decision. The crowd left and the lights were eventually switched off but the Koreans maintained his sit-in for 67 minutes, 16 minutes more than the protest sit-in held by Doug Chou, another Korean, at the 1964 Games in Tokyo.

Wally Matthews, the commentator for NBC, the American television network, was sitting close to the incident and said: "One of the security guards took off his jacket and aimed a back-kick at the referee's head. Not surprisingly, Walker was petrified. I think he thought he was going to be killed."

The referee was unharmed, but immediately headed for Gimpo Airport, where he said: "When I left New Zealand I told my wife that if there was trouble from terrorists or anything else I would go straight home. I have



Sit-in protest: Byun Jong Il commanded the ring for 67 minutes after losing 4-1 on points

no wish to stay here a moment longer and I thought the best thing was to leave the country straight away."

Walker added that he had looked at a video of the fight. "I felt I controlled the bout in the way I should have done."

Kim Sung Jang, the president of the Korean Boxing Federation, who is the event's manager, offered his resignation to the international governing body. He said: "I apologise for all the trouble. It has been a great embarrassment to Korea as host of the Games. This is my responsibility." Last night there were reports that the New Zealand Embassy had received threatening calls from people who had seen the bout on television.

## Anderson well advised

Dave Anderson, of Britain, will face Regilio Tuor, of the Netherlands, on Monday for a place in the quarter-finals of the featherweight division.

Anderson went through to the next round after some late advice from Billy Ward, who coaches him at Bellahouston. Ward arrived just in time to give the British boxer advice before he fought Paul Fitzgerald, the American-based Irishman in the second round. "I'd seen Fitzgerald before and told Dave what to expect," Ward said. Tuor made an instant impact in the Games when he knocked out Kelsie Banks, of the United States, in 90 seconds.

Banks was favourite for a gold medal. While Anderson won a far from impressive fight, Mike Deveney's attempt to silence his critics failed. At bantamweight, Deveney, the most controversial choice in the British team, was unanimously out-pointed by Alberto Machaze, of Mozambique. The Briton, who lost in the ABA championship semi-finals, won the final round on the four judges' cards, but had left himself too much to do.

John Lowey, of Ireland, unruffled by the melee in the second round after the Byun Jong Il fight, outpointed Sabo Mohammed, of Nigeria, 4-1.

## FOOTBALL

## Brazil reach last eight



Seoul (Reuters) - Brazil, Argentina, and the Soviet Union reached the quarter-finals of the tournament yesterday by winning their final group matches. The Brazilians finished their group D programme with maximum points by beating Yugoslavia, 2-1, to set up a quarter-final meeting with Argentina. Australia beat Nigeria, 1-0. Kosmina, a midfield player, scored the decisive goal in the 76th minute. Fabini, of Argentina, dis-

appointed the local supporters when he scored the goal that eliminated South Korea. Argentina, who needed a win to qualify for the quarter-finals from group C, looked demoralized until Fabini's effort in the 73rd minute. The Koreans paid dearly for poor finishing.

The Soviet Union qualified for the last eight with a 4-2 victory against the United States, who had been a point ahead Argentina before the matches yesterday. Mikhailichenko, of Dynamo Kiev, put the Soviet Union on the way to victory with a goal in the sixth minute.

## WRESTLING

## First gold for South Korea

Seoul (Agencies) - South Korea began celebrating yesterday, after the wrestler, Kim Young-nam, returned from the brink of defeat to win the country's first gold medal.

The national television relayed over and over again the moment when Kim flipped over Turlukhanov of the Soviet Union, with less than a minute to spare.

The victory in the welterweight category ensured that South Korea would not join Canada as the only host nation of a summer Games not to win a gold medal.

## BASKETBALL

## US and Soviet success



Seoul (Reuters) - The defending women's champions, the United States crushed Yugoslavia, and the Soviet Union held out against the South Korea. Both remain unbeaten after two games.

The Americans used superior speed and quickness in defence to beat Yugoslavia 101-74 in their Group B round-robin game, while the Soviets were forced to employ some solid defence in the final seconds. Edwards scored 23 and Bridgman 20.

Koreans for a 69-66 victory in Group A. Galina Savitskaya led the Soviets with 18 points. Top scorer for South Korea, who beat Australia by 36 points in their first game, was Choi Kyung-hee with 20.

Cynthia Cooper's jump shot in the final seconds put the United States over the 100-point mark for the first time in the Olympics. Their defence forced 28 turnovers and made 10 steals that led to a series of easy, fast-break baskets. Teresa Edwards scored 23 and Bridgman 20.

## CYCLING

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Great Britain's defeat by West Germany in the hockey tournament yesterday brought controversy over a penalty stroke which decided this important group B match in a dramatic finish.

In the last minute, Potter was penalized for stick tacking as Blocher was going through, to give West Germany their twelfth short corner. When the hit from the line was stopped at the top of the circle, Fischer scooped the ball high — a legitimate play — and Barber swept it out of play with his stick.

In the opinion of the umpire, Don Prior, of Australia, Barber's stick was raised above his shoulder to make the save. The award of the penalty stroke was hotly disputed by Barber, Kerly and Dodds. A study of the video tape, however, showed Prior had made the right decision.

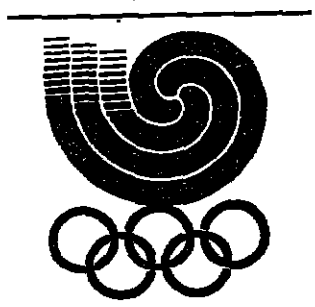
The behaviour of the British players involved in the incident, and the poor example set by Dodds, the captain, by joining in the argument instead of ordering his men back to their places, has done hockey's image little good at a time when so much effort has been made to make the game more popular.

Unless such behaviour is discouraged by the team's management, hockey could go the same way as football. Nastiness also appeared to

have crept into the match when Fried, the German defender, was on the ground having an injury to his forehead dressed. It took several minutes to revive him and no British player showed any semblance of concern.

Barber took 90 seconds to move away from Prior, suggesting by his gesture that his stick was never raised more than chest high. It is indisputable from the recording taken by a Korean Broadcasting Service cameraman that Barber's stick was raised at eye level and that his actions forced the ball out of play.

He had clearly infringed the rules when he should have left

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the ball alone, regardless of whether anyone thought it was going out of play. The umpire was extremely patient and could have exercised his authority by showing each player a green warning card and, if necessary, sending them off.

David Whitaker, the British coach, said it was a pity that a match of such consequence had to end this way. He

Australia clinch their  
third victory in a row

From Sydney Friskin

The Soviet Union, who were in a strong position with two victories behind them, dropped their first point in the men's hockey tournament yesterday, when they were held to a goalless draw by Canada.

India, inspired by the brilliance of Mohammed Shahid recovered to defeat South Korea 3-1 after conceding an early goal.

In group A, Australia gained an important 3-2 vic-

tory over the Netherlands — Hawgood, Hager, and Batch scoring for the Australians and Bovelander replying for the Dutch with two goals from short corners. The Australians have won all three matches so far.

Pakistan were made to struggle for their 2-1 victory over Argentina, who scored in the last couple of minutes through Mascheroni, from a short corner.

regarded the umpire's decision as marginal, saying he had seen defenders in similar circumstances being given the benefit of the doubt.

Referring to short corners, he said: "These appear to be coming cheaply. This is not really a gripe, and I do not wish to negate West Germany's dominance. We did not deliberately sit on our early lead, but they got a better flow of the game and I commend them for it."

Medals cannot be won by conceding one short corner after another. West Germany were awarded eight in the first half and four in the second half, and the end for Britain became inevitable despite the brilliance of Taylor, in goal. Dodds made two saves on the line and Grimley one.

When Barber converted the first short corner of the match, after 1min 34sec, it was reasonable to hope that Britain would search for more goals. Except for some industry by Batchelor, who combined well with Kerly, and Sherwan's shot, which the West German goalkeeper saved with his stick, there was no sign in the attack.

The West Germans kept coming at the British defence again and again, and if there were hopes that the flood might recede it did not. After Taylor had made several saves, he was beaten by Fischer from the eleventh short corner, in the 58th minute. Bhaura, who replaced Clift, struck up a good combination with Sherwan, but to no avail. The winning penalty stroke was converted by Blocher.

All is not lost, however. West Germany, Britain, the Soviet Union and India are in contention for two places in the semi-finals. Britain have to win both their remaining matches, against the Soviet Union and India, to have a chance of reaching the semi-finals.

GREAT BRITAIN: Taylor, D. Faulkner, P. Barber, S. Batchelor, R. Dodds (capt), M. Grimley, S. Kerly, R. Leman (sub: R. Garcia), S. Kerly, R. Clift (sub: R. Bhaura), I. Sherwan.  
WEST GERMANY: T. Frank, C. Fischer, M. Metz (sub: M. Hager), V. Fried, U. Harnot, D. Brinkman, E. Schmidt-Opper, A. Keller, R. Beck (sub: T. Brinkman), S. Blocher, H. Dopp.  
Umpires: D. Prior (Australia) and E. Ruiz (Argentina).

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## British big shots in smallbore triumph



Shooting stars: British medal winners. Cooper (right, gold) and Allan (silver) revel in their triumphs in the smallbore event (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

## Cool Cooper gains golden double

From Simon Barnes

"The crucial point is to control your arousal level," David Parish, who is Great Britain's rifle coach at the Olympic Games, said. "If your level of arousal is too high, then you've got the jitters. If it is too low, you don't shoot as well. You've got to get the balance just right."

Malcolm Cooper, the world's finest marksman, talks about mind over matter. "When it is time to shoot, my blood pressure and my pulse rate drop automatically," he said.

It is not quite accurate to say that the ten-shot final of the Olympic three-position smallbore shooting competition would have tested the steadiest nerves in the world. It actually did. And yesterday Cooper, the man with the steadiest nerves in the world, became the first man to win the gold medal in the event in successive Olympics.

After Allan, another Brit, won the silver, knocked down from gold medal position in that dramatic final shoot-off. The three-position event has long been seen as shooting's marathon, but a new formula has taken a 100 yards sprint onto the event.

The contestants blaze away over a five-hour period, 40 shots in each of the three positions, prone, standing and kneeling. After this, the nerve-snapping innovation. The top eight shooters line up again, and each fires 10 more shots standing up.

Scores are carried over from one section to the other. But these ten shots give the leader every chance to twitch his victory away, and give the pack every chance to close in. "Enjoy it?" said Cooper. "Not exactly. It's exhilarating all right — you're tanked right up on adrenaline. It's a question

of trying to control yourself."

The ten-shot final was introduced as an unashamed device to stir up spectators and media interest. There is not much pizzazz in five hours' shooting, followed by the usual long wait for a set of magic numbers to appear on a board.

This is the first time these finals have been shot at the Olympics, but they have been a part of every major competition since Los Angeles. It was tough luck, to say the least, on Allan, who was one point ahead of Cooper after 120 shots had been fired in anger. He set an Olympic record of 1,181 points, and would have won the gold but for the change in format. He won the bronze in Los Angeles.

Poor Allan has not had the luckiest time in Seoul. His No. 1 event is the prone rifle: he holds an unbeatable world record of a perfect 600 points in the event. In the prone event

here on Monday, he put his first 55 shots into the 10-ring — and then the sky darkened with Conradian glee.

He was unable to see the target properly, and had two "bad" shots in his last five. That left him too far off the pace to come back in the 10-shot final. He finished fifth, and was desperately disappointed.

The three-position contest is not his event. He had no great hopes. "But he was about 10 points better than I've ever seen him shoot. He was magnificent," Cooper said afterwards.

The 10-shot final, with its demand for the standing position and for shooters who have had their nerves cauterized, swung the initiative back to Cooper. In an extraordinary afternoon, more reminiscent of darts at Jollies than the Queen's Prize at Bisley, Cooper shot with unimaginable calm.

On the command "fire" the shooters have 1min 15sec to get off a shot. After each shot, the scores are announced, rather as a darts announcer calls his hundred-and-eighties. There were around 100 cameramen, fighting for places behind the shooters. Spectators elbowed furiously for a view of the television monitors that showed each individual target. It was mayhem. Not good for the nerves.

On each shot of "fire", a volley of seven shots would ring out. But Cooper would wait. He would delay and delay, without fear or embarrassment or nervousness, and shoot only when he wanted to. "There's a fine edge between holding still and another wobble," he said.

"That's why I take so long. If I'm not still I'll aim again — much better than trying to hit on the move." Provided your nerves are up to it. His nervous shooting saw

him overtake Allan and take the gold. But Allan was bubbling with joy afterwards. No, he wasn't choked, he said, he was over the moon. He had packed in his job — running a sports centre at the beginning of the year, and had prepared for nothing but the Olympics.

"But I thought I had blown it," he said. "The prone event was my banker. I was so very disappointed. I really should have won a medal then. To win a medal in this event — it's an absolute bonus. Malcolm Cooper is the best shooter in the world, and I'm pleased to be second to him." He actually meant it, too.

Cooper said afterwards that this was his last Olympics. "Mind you, he said that last time," said his wife Sarah, another shooter in the British team. "It took about three days, and then he said: 'No one's ever won it twice, have they?'"

## Champagne toasts to the quiet man

By Louise Taylor

It was far from business as usual for employees of Accuracy International, a Portsmouth-based design engineering firm, yesterday. Work was relegated to a subsidiary role as eyes were firmly focused on the latest news bulletins from Seoul, while hands clutched glasses of champagne.

The object of all the attention and celebration was Malcolm Cooper, a director of Accuracy, who won the three-position gold medal for rifle shooting during the early hours of yesterday morning, thereby retaining the title he first secured in Los Angeles four years ago.

As one employee put it: "It's

very difficult to work today and we're talking about raiding the petty cash to buy champagne."

Martin Kay, a co-director who shoots alongside Cooper at Havant Rifle Club, said: "In my house we set the alarm for 2am this morning in order to watch Malcolm but unfortunately there was hardly any television coverage. We're hoping Malcolm will telephone us, though."

While Kay maintains that Cooper is "ordinary — just like anyone else," Cliff Miles, captain of Havant Rifle Club, paints a different picture.

"Malcolm is wonderful, but he is a bit of a loner and once he gets down to his training you know that you must not

peak to him or go near him," he said.

"We're all absolutely delighted because Malcolm has been training for four or five hours a day at the range. He's a wonderful disciplinarian and a very precise man. I know he was very disappointed when his rifle was broken in Seoul but he would have the ability to put that disappointment to the back of his mind and concentrate on the job."

"We're hoping to hold some sort of celebration at the club when he returns and the Borough of Havant may be holding a reception at the civic centre to welcome him back." Cooper has indicated that he is contemplating stripping down his rifle for good. "If I

want to retire now, I can retire quite happily," he said. However Miles thinks otherwise. "I believe he'll keep going now and aim for a third Olympic gold in four years' time," he said.

Bill Murray, director of coaching at the National Rifle Association, was unstinting in his praise. He said: "Malcolm is the greatest sportsman I've ever met. Casual acquaintances often call him self-centred, but I prefer to say that he is completely in control of himself and his emotions. And competing on a razor-edge, under immense pressure, that is the way it has got to be. Certainly friends know that in the right place and at the right time Malcolm is quite capable of being open and friendly."

Wilkie's title still fires  
world-class ambitions

From Steve Downes

"The British breaststroke Ark is beginning to get a little crowded," David Wilkie said when Adrian Moorhouse won a gold medal on Monday. Wilkie, the 200 metres breaststroke champion in 1976, may find he is squeezed for space even more after today's finals of that event, in which both Moorhouse and Nick Gillingham should figure.

Wilkie's world record of 2min 15.11sec to win the Olympic title in Montreal still stands as the national record and is sixth on the all-time list, a constant reminder to Moorhouse, Gillingham and Duncan Goodhew, the 100 metres breaststroke gold medal winner in 1980.

Moorhouse said: "Watching Wilkie swim in the 1976 Games on television at home, I remember thinking: 'I want to do that.'"

It has been Wilkie's time which has fired the aspirations of Gillingham. "I am sure I can break the British record, and I think I can break 2:15," Gillingham, said after the

national championships in Leeds in July.

That Britain should produce so many world-class breaststroke swimmers is not because of any special coaching. "I've been giving it some thought," Moorhouse said, "and it seems to be because of Wilkie and Goodhew."

Rick Bailey, the former British chief coach, who coaches Gillingham, agreed. "There's no single reason, like there's no single reason why anyone can become a champion, but having had two great medal winners has helped."

Whether Moorhouse can repeat his victory, or match Wilkie's gold and silver in Montreal, is unlikely. "The approach for the two distances is totally different now. This year I've been concentrating on one thing, and now I've got what I wanted," he said.

Gillingham, however, has not yet fulfilled his ambition, except in the training pool, where last week he performed a 200 metres swim, broken with short recoveries, which was close to the world record.

Swimmers  
double up

Manuela Carosi, of Italy and Karen Lord, of Australia, finished in a dead-heat twice yesterday before a third race decided which of them should swim in the Olympic 100 metres backstroke consolation final tomorrow.

First, they tied for sixteenth place, each clocking one minute 04.69 seconds in separate heats. Then they finished together in 1:05.03 in a swim-off for the last spot in the final.

A second swim-off was called and at the 50-metre turn they were still inseparable and continuing stroke for stroke. But Carosi edged ahead near the finish to break the deadlock.

The double Commonwealth champion, Deana Willey, from Rotherham, found life more difficult in the middleweight division yesterday than he had done in Los Angeles four years ago. Willey finished fourth in 1984 but could only finish eighth in the same competition yesterday.

## SPORT IN BRIEF



Todd: competing in Britain

## Todd entered

Mark Todd, of New Zealand, who won the individual three-day event gold medal yesterday, will compete in the Chatsworth Audi International Three Day event on October 6 to 9. Karen Straker has also been entered.

## Father's place

Ben Johnson Sr, the father of the sprinter, will fly to Toronto to watch his son's performance in the 100 metres tomorrow. Plans for him to fly to Seoul from Jamaica had to be scrapped because of Hurricane Gilbert.

## Club success

Three West Germans from the same fencing club took the medals in the individual women's foil yesterday. Fichtel beat Bau in the final. Funkenhauser, took the bronze, beating Janosi, of Hungary, in the play-off. In the final, Fichtel took a 7-1 lead, had it cut back to 7-5, then won 8-5.

## Violent words

Colonel Gadafi, the Libyan leader, has sent a telegram to the head of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) criticizing violence in sports, including boxing, like boxing and wrestling, which have been included at the Games. He said that such sports had no relation to the "life of the people or their actual interests."

## Paper claims

Several South Korean newspapers have accused United States athletics officials of lobbying against Korean boxers as retaliation for the elimination of the American boxer, Anthony Hembrick, who was disqualified on Monday for arriving late for a bout.

## Bulgarian stripped of gold

From John Goodbody

A Bulgarian weightlifting gold medal winner and a member of the Australian modern pentathlon team were yesterday disqualified from the Games after being found positive in drug tests.

Mitko Grabiev, who was 24 on Wednesday, was stripped of the flyweight (up to 56kg) title which he won on Sunday. His urine showed traces of Furosemide, a diuretic. The last occasion an Olympic champion was found positive was at Montreal in 1976 when two other Bulgarian weightlifters, Blagov Blagoev and Valentin Khristov, were found to have taken hormone drugs.

The International Olympic Committee proscribed diuretics in 1985 because of their possible use in attempting to hide the presence of anabolic steroids or to lose weight.

The International Weightlifting Federation last night announced that all the competitors will now move up one place. The gold medal goes to Oghsen Mirzozian, of the Soviet Union, the silver to



Grabiev: positive test

He Yingqiang, and the bronze to Liu Shoubun, both of China. A spokesman for the Bulgarian team would only say that the delegation was "devastated".

Grabiev was world champion in 1986 and 1987 in the bantamweight but had reduced to flyweight as part of Bulgaria's attempt to get more titles than the Soviet Union, its great rival.

In the other incident, Alex Watson was sent home to Australia before the final event in the modern pentathlon, the cross-country run,

because of a positive test for caffeine after the fencing. He was lying twelfth overall in the competition. John Coates, the Australian chef de mission said: "We received no adequate explanation from Watson. I am shattered."

Watson said he had drunk 10 to 12 cups of coffee and two Coca-Colas during the fencing, but the IOC medical commission pointed out that his urine contained 14.25mg per litre of the banned drug, and that this amount of drink would give nowhere near that level. He was presumed to have used either a pill or suppository of the stimulant.

● GOTHENBURG: Two Swedes linked to a doping scandal affecting the country's Olympic squad were given five-year jail sentences yesterday for drugs smuggling (Reuters reports). Their names were not released under Swedish law. Five members of Sweden's Olympic squad in police interviews carried out as a result of the doping scandal. They are to be questioned on their return home.

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